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SYDNEY, THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1908.

SUMMARY.

Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, moved the second reading of the Licensing Bill in the House of Commons.

Mr. G. Cave (Conservative) moved an amendment urging the House not to proceed with the measure.

He said the bill violated the principles of liberty, and did not promote temperance.

The amendment was supported by the Opposition. The debate was adjourned.

The remains of the late Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman were buried at Meigle, Scotland.

Enormous crowds were present, and 500 wreaths were carried to the graveside.

Mr. Balfour has expressed deep regret that illness prevented him paying a tribute to the late Prime Minister.

The battleship Britannia, while voyaging from Queensferry to Portsmouth, burst a boiler tube. Five of the crew were seriously injured.

In the naval disaster off the mouth of the Thames, the scout Attentive cut the destroyer Viola in two.

The fore part of the destroyer sank, and the stern part, floating away, subsequently sank.

The crew was rescued, except Engineer-Lieut. Fletcher, who was killed while asleep in his cabin.

In the action in Chancery, Page v. Walker, plaintiff being claimant to the Page estate in Bridlesee, the case was dismissed, with costs.

Mr. Justice Eve said the action was based on shadowy evidence and reckless statements.

At the inquest on the victims of the disaster to H.M.S. Gladiator, the coroner directed the jury that no criminal responsibility was disclosed.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Archbishop Clarke, in the course of a sermon at Cambridge, made a stirring appeal to the undergraduates.

He emphasised the need of the Church for men, both at home and in Australia.

The revenue of Japan is £7,000,000 above the estimate, and £1,000,000 has been saved in expenditure.

The Bank of Belgium, owing to a successful forgery, is issuing a temporary 1000-franc note of a new design.

A bill is to be introduced in the Canadian Parliament to restrict the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

A deputation waited on the Colonial Secretary of Cape Colony to protest against the disbanding of the naval volunteers.

Mr. De Waal disclaimed any intention to weaken the tie with the motherland, but in view of the deficit the Ministry was bound to reduce expenditure by £1,000,000.

Three thousand Kurds pillaged three villages in the western districts of Persia. Two thousand women and children were massacred.

At the Premiers' Conference the desirability of abolishing stamp duty on the issue of all colonial Government securities was agreed to.

It was resolved,—"That the regulation of the sizes of cornsacks is primarily a matter of State concern, and that joint legislation is desirable."

The Conference agreed to contribute per capita to the cost of any action with the view to testing the constitutionality of the Commonwealth proclamation.

The residents of Norfolk Island carried a motion adverse to the island being brought under Commonwealth control.

The Minister for Agriculture presented the diplomas and prizes at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

Work on the Zig-Zag deviation is to be commenced at once.

The whole of the Zig-Zag will be rendered obsolete as soon as the deviation is completed.

The American fleet has accepted the invitation from Fiji to call at Suva.

Satisfaction is expressed at Taree at the acceptance of a tender for the first section of the North Coast railway.

When the steamer Age was 120 miles south of Sydney on Sunday her shaft snapped outside the stern, and the propeller dropped off.

She proceeded under sail until off Kiama, when the Arawatta took her in tow and brought her to Sydney.

An empty first-class carriage was derailed when being run out of a carriage shed at the Sydney railway yards.

The western mail train, timed to leave Sydney at 9 p.m., was delayed an hour by the derailed car blocking the road.

The Labour Congress decided that it is desirable that the Federal Parliament should control industrial legislation.

The Congress closed last night. It will meet again in Sydney next Easter.

Nineteen pearling vessels were sunk by the typhoon which struck the pearling fleet near Broome (W.A.), and 52 lives were lost.

A telegram received by the Chinese Merchant Society from Thursday Island states that the Nikko Maru has no Chinese passengers or cargo aboard.

The feature of the tariff debate in the House of Representatives yesterday was the defeat of the Government on three occasions.

The items on which they were beaten were cotton socks, sheet lead, lead piping, and agricultural and horticultural machinery.

A fire broke out yesterday in a bulk store of the City Furnishing Company, Ltd., Broken Hill. Serious damage was done.

Mr. Hague, speaking at the opening of the Narrabri Show, said the Government had decided to establish travelling schools for farmers' children.

There would be four teaching stations, and it was proposed to teach a week at each station in turn.

Dr. A. P. Merrill, Vice-Consul-General for the United States, is visiting Sydney.

He says that one result of the visit of the U.S. fleet to Australia should be greatly increased trade between Australia and the Philippines.

The steamer Barrabool on her voyage from Brisbane to Newcastle picked up the lifeboat of the barque Criffel off Morna Point.

The Criffel left Newcastle on Monday, and it is thought the boat was washed overboard during heavy weather.

Extensive alterations to the Tyser Wharf, at Miller's Point, are to be put in hand at once by the Harbour Trust.

The miners at the Rhondda colliery struck yesterday owing to a difference with the manager as to the hour at which they should enter the mine.

Dr. Cole, the coroner who will conduct the inquest on the Braybrook disaster, did not consider that he required the assistance of a jury.

He is, however, to be directed by the Crown to empanel a jury. The number of injured now totals 393.

A deputation represented to the Minister for Works that the entrance to the Manning River was in a worse state than it had ever been.

It was urged that the south training wall be completed as speedily as possible.

The four-oared race for the Great Public Schools championship was won by the Church of England Grammar School.

British residents in the New Hebrides still complain of the apathy of the Imperial authorities.

It is stated that all the preliminary official appointments have been given to the French.

At the re-umed inquest into the Allandale tragedy, at West Maitland yesterday, Mrs. Bridge, mother of the victim, gave evidence.

A large cargo of new ri s has arrived in Sydney, and is now lying at Darling Harbour.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, a prosperous half-year was reported.

The Globe (Sydney) football team defeated a team selected by the Newcastle Union yesterday.

At the Albury Racing Club meeting, Grafenaine won the Albury Cup.

Silver shares receded in value yesterday, as the result of a further fall in the price of lead.

More than usual attention was devoted to gold shares, and considerable business was recorded.

Weather Fo ecast.—Local showers in the north-east dis ricts, and becoming cloudy in the west; south-east to north-east winds.

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April 28, 1908.

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(Signed) HARRY L. FREEMAN.
(Signed) ERNEST A. GARLAND.
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LAW REPORT.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

SYRIANS AT LAW.

Gibbons v Azzi.

The suit is still part heard.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring.)

APPEAL UNDER THE LIQUOR ACT.
QUESTION OF BEING "FOUND" DRINKING.

Sheehy v Walsh.

Mr. Pickburn, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. V. Tillett), appeared for Senior-constable Michael Sheehy, the appellant in a special case stated for the opinion of the Court by Mr. Thomas C. K. M'Kell, P.M., of Bathurst. Respondent Walsh did not appear. It appeared that Sheehy, who is a sub-inspector under the Liquor Act, proceeded against William Walsh, on March 23 last, on an information, charging him with having, on Sunday, March 15, been found drinking liquor in the licensed premises known as the Great Western Hotel, corner of Lambert and Stewart streets, Bathurst, he not being a bona-fide lodger, servant, inmate, or traveller. The defendant pleaded not guilty. It appeared, from the evidence that defendant and others obtained a bottle of beer from the licensee of the hotel, on the representation that they were travellers; but they were not seen by the police constable actually drinking the liquor. Walsh, when spoken to by the complainant, admitted that he had obtained the drink, and said he was going to lodge at the hotel. At the close of the complainant's case, the magistrate dismissed the information, on the ground that there was no evidence that the defendant was found drinking liquor in contravention of the provisions of section 17, sub-section 1, of the Liquor Amendment Act, 1905.

His Honor said he thought the magistrate came to an erroneous decision. What he understood was that the magistrate held that he could not convict under the 17th section of the Act unless the person charged was actually found drinking the liquor. If that were a correct view of the law, section 17 (sub-section 1) might just as well be wiped out altogether, because people who were drinking in an hotel at prohibited hours would take care that the police did not catch them in the act of drinking. It was not necessary to find a person actually drinking the liquor, and if it was, it would lead to the absurdity that, though the police might go into a bar, and see a man with a glass in his hand in which the froth of the liquor remained, the offender could not be convicted, although there was no doubt about the drinking. If he might venture to say so, he thought the word "found" was a foolish one to introduce into an Act of this kind, and it would be quite sufficient to say "if a person is drinking on licensed premises during prohibited hours." Two years ago he decided a case reported in 23 "Weekly Notes," in which a similar point arose under the 19th section. In that case, the police did not actually find the offender upon the premises, but coming out, and he held that that was sufficient evidence under the section. He had no doubt that if the case he had referred to had been cited to the magistrate, he would have decided the other way.

Mr. Pickburn: I understand that it was cited to him, but, as it was under a different section, he thought it did not apply.

Appeal sustained, with costs.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Judge Heydon, President, and Messrs. T. E. Spencer and E. Riley, members.)

TROLLY AND DRAYMEN'S DISPUTE.

The Trolly, Draymen, and Carters' Union of Sydney and Suburbs, claimant, and Langdon and Langdon, respondents.

Mr. M. J. Connington, secretary of the union, appeared for the claimants; and Mr. Mark Mitchell for the respondent company. Mr. Mitchell made application that the Sydney and Suburban Timber Merchants' Association be joined as respondents. The application was granted. Mr. Mitchell explained that the secretary of the union had met the timber merchants in conference, and an agreement had been arrived at on all points in dispute.

Mr. Connington applied for the award to apply only to timber merchants in the county of Cumberland.

The Court made the award to apply to the same area as the sawmillers' award, with the exception of the Newcastle district. The award was made for three years, to come into operation at once.

SAWMILLERS' DISPUTE.

The New South Wales Sawmill and Timber Yard Employees' Association, claimant, and the Kauri Timber Company, Limited, respondent (part heard). Mr. Croft, instructed by Mr. Johns, appeared for the claimant union; and Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Mr. Mark Mitchell, for the respondent company.

Mr. R. Walker continued his evidence, and was cross-examined by Mr. Croft. He denied the allegations as to the casual hands carrying very heavy loads. By giving the men only a reasonable weight to carry they were able to do a much better day's work.

J. T. Liddicoat, yard foreman, employed by Langdon and Langdon, gave evidence as to the skill required and the duties performed by tallymen and ordermen. It was not necessary for them to measure every single piece of timber as it came off the slings.

Thomas Payne, shipping clerk, employed by Langdon and Langdon, gave similar evidence.

The question of a visit to the timber yards was mooted, and the President said the Court might visit the yards after the hearing of the dispute had been concluded. The Court at 3.30 adjourned till this morning.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Salusbury, Acting Registrar.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re John Davis. Mr. Vindin appeared for the bankrupt. The Registrar found that the bankrupt did not keep proper books, and that he appropriated to his own use moneys the proceeds of rabbits consigned to him for sale. On a previous occasion he made a composition with his creditors, his estate not producing 10s in the £. He (the Registrar) thought that the misappropriation of the proceeds of the sale of rabbits was not wilful, or with intent to defraud, but was due to forgetfulness. The certificate was suspended for 12 months.

Re Phillip Denning. Mr. Bilsborrow appeared for the bankrupt. The Registrar directed the certificate to issue, subject to the payment of costs of official assignee's agent.

SINGLE MEETINGS, ETC.

Re Richard Wise. The bankrupt was examined at considerable length by the official assignee (Mr. Palmer), and by Mr. Tayler, a proved creditor. The examination was then adjourned to May 6.

Re James Patrick McIntosh. Bankrupt was examined by the official assignee, and the examination was concluded.

Re William Clarendon. The bankrupt was further examined by the official assignee, and the meeting was then adjourned to May 7.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

John Logan, of Mount Hope, labourer. Mr. Lloyd, official assignee.

LOCAL OPTION COURT.

(Before Judge Backhouse and Messrs. Smithers and Love, S.Ms.)

Evidence and addresses were concluded respecting licenses in the Randwick Electorate. During the hearing the point was raised as to whether, in determining the number of clubs under the Act, the exempted clubs could be counted. It was submitted that as the Court could not reduce the clubs exempted it could not classify them or deal with them in any way.

The Court reserved its decision, and adjourned till the following day.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Rogers and a jury.)

Mr. Pollock was Crown Prosecutor.

NOT MANSLAUGHTER.
DR. LUDLOW ACQUITTED.

The case was concluded against Dr. Herbert Buxton Ludlow, who pleaded not guilty to the manslaughter of Maria Hodges. The essence of the Crown's charge was that the deceased's death was due to unskilful treatment by the accused.

Mr. Gannon, instructed by Messrs. M'Coy and M'Coy, appeared for the accused.

The accused, cross-examined, said the case upon which he operated was one that a medical man might come across only once in a lifetime. He hoped he would never strike another like it.

Sir James Graham, cross-examined, said that in a case of the kind under review a surgeon would be working in the dark. He would need to exercise very great care; but still, while doing his best, he might cause a serious injury without knowing it. It would be perfectly right, as Dr. Ludlow did, to perform an operation partly one day, leaving the patient resting for 24 hours to see if nature would do the rest, and then, if necessary, finish it. Judging by the evidence in the case, there was nothing to point to want of skill or care on Dr. Ludlow's part. What happened to the deceased might happen unwittingly, unconsciously, to any patient of the kind in the most skilled surgical hands.

His Honor, in summing up, said a medical man was not criminally responsible for the death of a patient unless his conduct was characterised by gross negligence or inattention. Clearly no want of attention had been shown. There was no doubt that the certificate of death which Dr. Ludlow gave conveyed a false impression, because it indicated that the woman might have died from hemorrhage in a confinement. But the jury should not judge him entirely by that. The best way of testing that point was to put themselves in his place. According to his evidence, he had done his best in an unfortunate case. If he did all he honestly could in the case and failed, owing to misfortune, it was natural that he should try to make the best of it by giving the certificate in the way he did. But the jury also had to look at it from the public standpoint. It was a dreadful thing for human life to be sacrificed. At the same time a woman having met her death in the hands of a medical man, the jury must not conclude that because he operated, and she died, want of skill was necessarily the cause. If the jury thought the case showed want of skill to the degree of criminal culpability it should convict him. But if it thought that the woman's death was due merely to the hard luck of the case, the doctor was not responsible, however horrifying, painful, or tragic the circumstances might have been.

The jury, after a short retirement, returned a verdict of not guilty.

LAW NOTICES.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30.

SUPREME COURT.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Frederick William Kirby, 10.30; Charles Henry Kellett, 11.30; Ellen Ford, 12; Frederick Ludwig Daniel Stuhlert, 12.30.

In Equity.—Before the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Gibbons v Azzi (part heard).

Before his Honor Mr. Justice Street.—At 11.30 a.m., No. 1 Jury Court: Hunter v Chapman (hearing).

Before the Master in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Bourke v Bourke, to proceed on inquiries. At 2 p.m.: Dudley and Co., Ltd., and Companies Act, to examine witnesses.

Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 2.15 p.m.: Rine v Cartwright, to tax costs; same v same, to tax costs.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Henley v Nicholls, 11 a.m.; Morgan v Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, at 12 noon.

Before the Chief Clerk.—Foot v Foot, Walkley co-respondent, 10.15 a.m.; Weeks v Weeks, 10.15 a.m.; Stanborough v Stanborough, 10.20 a.m.; Thompson and another v Meurant, 10.20 a.m.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Acting Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Examination under rule 107, Henry Jensen; motion to discharge sequestration order, Henry Jensen; motion for order annulling sequestration order, William John Pickering; certificate application, Richard Jones; single meeting, Salen Bracks; examination under section 30, William Clarendon; confirmation of accounts and plans.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Probate Court.—Before the President and Members.—At 10 a.m.

For Judgment.—The New South Wales Saddle and Harness Makers' Trade Society of N.S.W., claimant, and Messrs. Grimley, Ltd., and J. J. Week, Ltd., respondent. The Trolly, Draymen, and Carters' Union of Sydney and Suburbs, claimant, and the Sydney and Suburban Timber Merchants' Association, and Messrs. Langdon and Langdon, respondents.

At 10.15 a.m.

For Hearing.—The New South Wales Sawmill and Timber Yard Employees' Association, claimant, and the Mauri Timber Company, Ltd., respondent (part heard).

SPECIAL COURTS.

Court-house, Darlinghurst, at 10 a.m.

The Special Courts for the electorates of Ashfield, Balmain, and Burwood, will sit for the purpose of classifying the licensed premises within the said electorates.

The Special Courts for the electorates of Alexandria and St. George will sit for the purpose of making the reduction of licenses in the said electorates.

N.B.—In the Court for Alexandria only the question as to when the license of the New Waterloo Retreat Hotel is to cease, will be considered.

CUSTOMS INQUIRIES.

Before the Acting Collector of Customs, Sydney (Mr. J. Baxter).—At 10 a.m.: The following cases will be dealt with under Part XV. of the Customs Act, 1901, and Part XIII. of the Excise Act, 1901—Part XV. Customs Act, contravention of Reg. 8 (1) (c) under Commerce Act, 1901, George H. Hall, of R. Hall and Sons, Newcastle; contravention of section 87, Beer Excise Act, 1901, F. J. Shelley (Wagga), John F. McLean (Wagga), James Hoskins (Wagga), J. H. Keene (Wagga), Margaret Seymour (Wagga), Henry McDonough (Wagga), McLaughlin (Wagga), John Goode (Goulburn).

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Rodney Brown, stealing from the person; Aaron Padroth, forgery; John Laule and Peter Roumsin, conspiracy.

The following is the list of cases for the second term of the Supreme Court, which is to commence on Monday next:—

Motions on Notice.—In re F. B. Freehill, ex parte John M'Laughlin, review of taxation.

Motions, etc.—Ex parte William Mitchelmore, prohibition; ex parte John Gallagher, mandamus; in re E. G. M. Cohen, gent., one, etc., ex parte the corporated Law Institute, to answer affidavits, etc.; ex parte Thomas Hastings, quo warranto; ex parte Henry A. Jones, quo warranto; ex parte The Caledonian Coal Company, Limited, prohibition; ex parte John T. Russell, mandamus; ex parte South Australian Brewing Company, Limited (Broken Hill electorate), certiorari; ex parte South Australian Brewing Company, Limited (Sturt electorate), certiorari.

Motions Nisi for New Trial.—Thompson v Conroy, Sweeney v the Commonwealth Oil Corporation, Limited, Wilson and others v the Minister, Leipner v M'Lean.

New Trial Motions.—Gregory v Percival, Purcell v the Commonwealth Oil Corporation, Limited.

Demurrers and Special Cases.—Colonial Finance, Mortgage, Investment, and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, v Goldsmith, demurrer; Schweppe, Limited, v Lawrence and others, demurrer; Roche v Arthur, special case; Angas and others v Tremain, demurrer; the Rev. William M. White (executor, etc.), and Stamp Duties Acts—the Commissioner for Stamps, respondent, special case; Kelly v Hart, special case.

District Court Appeals.—Llewellyn v Derigo, Hayne v M. Campbell and Co., Limited, Taylor v Jameson, Mason v Vickery, Benjamin v Sawtell, Burns v Benjamin.

Bankruptcy and Divorce Appeals.—Re Donald Gillespie, ex parte official assignee, D. J. Maxwell respondent; Dearman v Dearman, Pettitt co-respondent.

POLICE COURTS.

UNPROFITABLE DRIVE.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., James Smith, 33, labourer, was charged with having assaulted John Irving and robbed him of £1 7s 6d.

The prosecutor stated that on the 13th instant he was at an hotel in King-street, Newtown. A man named Casey wanted to sell witness a razor to raise the price of a drink. Witness did not want the razor, but offered to shout, and he and Casey went into the hotel. Kilgannon came up, and Casey said, "He is a friend of mine." Witness shouted for them. While they were having a drink the accused came up, and Casey said, "This is another friend of mine." Witness shouted for them three times. They were there about an hour, and left for home about 3 o'clock. The men had a horse and cart, and offered to drive witness home. After calling at other hotels they started to drive witness towards home, but turned into a side street. Witness protested, and said he would not go any further. Casey and the accused caught hold of him as he was sitting in the middle of the seat, pulling him over on the floor. The accused put his hand into witness's right-hand trousers pocket and took out the money. He struggled to get away, and fell over the back of the cart to the roadway, pulling two of the men with him. Witness fell on his head, inflicting a nasty wound. A lady ran over and wanted to know what the men were doing to witness. The accused said something, and witness told the lady that the men were robbing him, whereupon the accused and his two companions hurriedly got into the cart and drove away.

The accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial, and was allowed bail.

BOTTLE OH!

A CUSTOMS CASE.

At the Balmain Police Court yesterday, before Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, S.M., Thomas Sawyer, labourer, was charged on summons with unlawfully removing goods subject to the control of the Customs. Mr. J. J. Reeder appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. From the evidence it appeared that defendant bought a number of bottles which were lying at the dock head, Mort's Dock. They came out of a steamer that was berthed at the dock, and were sold by one of the officers. They were removed from the dock head in two carts by defendant. The defendant said he purchased them from the officer, and they were taken off the vessel by the people belonging to her. The bottles were Tooth's, Resch's, and Zetz Spa, and were therefore not liable to duty. Mr. Reeder submitted that they were not dutiable goods, and, further, that his client had not removed them from the ship. The magistrate held that the goods were liable to duty, and were under the control of the Customs. He fined the accused the minimum penalty of £5, and gave him time to pay.

TILL SNATCHERS.

Newrick Hampson, 19, labourer, and George Williams, 17, fireman, were charged at the Balmain Police Court yesterday with attempting to steal from a till in a shop, at 134 Beattie-street, Balmain. The accused, who went into the shop on April 22 and attempted to snatch the till, bore a bad character, and were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

TROUBLE ON A STEAMER.

Before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., at the Central Police Court yesterday morning, John Mooney, 25, refrigerating greaser, was charged with unlawfully assaulting Adam Barr, chief refrigerating engineer on board the steamer Morayshire, lying at Pyrmont, on the 28th inst.

Barr gave evidence that accused should have been on duty at midnight, but did not come down till 12.30. When he came down he struck witness, who was working at the machinery. They struggled. Accused stated that Barr called him a foul name. Witness struck him, whereupon Barr retaliated with a spanner.

For the assault accused was fined 40s, in default one month.

PAK-AH-PU TICKETS.

Ah Ken, 50, laundryman, was convicted at the Central Police Court yesterday morning of selling two pak-ah-pu tickets in Castlereagh-street on the 22nd inst., and was sentenced to seven days' hard labour.

The Blood is the source from which our systems are built up, and from which we derive our mental as well as our physical capabilities. If the blood is diseased the body is diseased. Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of All kinds, are solicited to give Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold by all Chemists and Storekeepers. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.—Advt.

The best ring picture of the year appears in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail." It depicts Mrs. Stace on Lady Morton, one of the competitors for the lady's high jump.—Advt.

Stock Exchange investors and speculators should never miss the notes in the "Sydney Mail" detailing the Stock and Share market. The advice and hints given in the latter are always well worth careful scrutiny.—Advt.

INFLUENZA

AND CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

WHAT IS INFLUENZA?

ITS EFFECT.

MEDICAL MEN INTERVIEWED.

These questions are best answered by several eminent medical men in published interviews. The most important points emphasised by the doctors are these:

Influenza is highly infectious.

Influenza stimulates other diseases.

Influenza has an extraordinary effect on the mental function.

Influenza picks out the weak points in a person's constitution.

The victims of influenza are adults, who perish from pneumonia or bronchitis, and the aged, who sink from heart exhaustion.

Children, while prone to the disease, enjoy comparative immunity from its complications and dangers.

Influenza shows a decided tendency to relapses, a feature to which the indirect fatality of the disease is in a great measure due.

Alcoholic stimulants are not only unnecessary, but positively harmful.

An attack of influenza seems to render the individual more liable to contract the disease from future exposure.

The attack comes on with lightning-like speed. A person in apparently perfect health is suddenly overcome by a feeling of discomfort. He feels chilly, or shakes with the rigor worthy of an ague. His head aches. There are pains in his eyeballs, and other symptoms characteristic of the disease soon follow.

Quite Different.

The ordinary cough medicine may soothe the throat, but it has no power to heal; recovery is not complete, and a second attack is more liable to follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is quite different, because it not only soothes, but also heals, so that the affected parts are restored to a healthy condition, and the danger of a future attack is removed.

What WE Do.

Buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy from your Chemist or Storekeeper, or if they cannot supply you send direct to us. Enclose 1s 6d in stamps—any State. If you derive no benefit after giving it a fair and thorough trial write us about it and we will immediately refund the price.

Every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is sold on a positive guarantee.

Chamberlain Medicine Co.,
603 Harris-street,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

THREATS OF INFLUENZA.

ITS DANGERS.

ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL ADVICE.

The increased mortality last season from Lung Affections following attacks of Influenza emphasises more than ever the necessity for nursing an initiatory cold.

Especially since the advices from England, The Continent, and America indicate that there has been raging in all those countries an epidemic of Influenza of the most virulent type. It is only natural that Australia will in turn have the same.

We are always anxious concerning the public health, have repeatedly called attention to the dangers of undue exposure during inclement weather, and now reiterate the injunction with still more earnestness in view of present conditions.

Most of the fatal cases of pneumonia at this time of the year are due to the lack of timely treatment of what appears to be a simple attack of bronchial catarrh. The taking of the stitch in time is at the bottom of all questions of prevention of other more serious ones lying in wait for solution.

It is well to take into account in such connection that our winter months are generally considered the most fatal for pneumonia, especially when influenza is prevailing even in mild epidemic form.

Thus far we have escaped a visitation of a virulent form of the latter malady, but there is abundance of time and opportunity for the development of a severe epidemic, with the usual aftermath of alarming mortality.

The effective treatment of an ordinary "cold" is a matter of a day or two against a possible subsequent sickness for weeks.

The indications of a severe attack of influenza are headache, chilliness, general muscular pains, fever, sore throat, cough, and systemic lassitude. When these show themselves no time is to be lost, and the patient should give up work at once and promptly place himself under proper medical care.

There is no danger whatever of any serious consequences from an attack of influenza when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used, as it counteracts any tendency towards pneumonia. This fact has been abundantly proven in many thousands of cases during the epidemics of the past few years.

Can Be Cured.

Commence at first symptoms to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Thousands have used this Remedy during the last few years, and we have yet to learn of a single case where they were not pleased.

HOW TO CURE INFLUENZA.

READ. REFLECT. REMEMBER.

Rest, warmth, and quiet are the three sovereign remedies for this disease, and the best preventives of its secondary complications. Go to bed and remain in bed until well on the way toward recovery. Two or three days in bed when you first contract the disease, is better than two or three weeks later on. Also take a double dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to begin with, and then the regular dose every hour. If it should nauseate, discontinue it until the nausea subsides, and then take it in smaller doses or less frequently. Before going to bed take two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and bathe the feet in water as warm as can be comfortably borne. If the attack is a severe one take sulphate of quinine in doses of two grains each, every four hours, for a few days. It will keep up the vitality and enable the system to withstand the attack.

What Follows.

Often it is the persistent cough which is not only dangerous, but annoying. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used most extensively, and always with success for the relief and cure of this cough.

No Opium.

There is no opium or narcotics of any description in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and this makes it a favourite with all. It can be given to a baby as confidently as to an adult. As a cure for bad colds, croup, whooping-cough, it is unequalled, and may be depended upon with the utmost confidence. It is pleasant to take, which is of much importance. It always cures, and cures quickly.

EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.

If you fail to get beneficial results after using two-thirds of a bottle of

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

according to directions, return it to your dealer and get your money back. It is well known for its prompt cures of coughs, colds, and croup.

PHYSICAL and MENTAL AGONY.

LACK OF SYMPATHY.

Before we can sympathise with others we must have suffered ourselves. No one can realise the suffering attendant on an attack of Influenza unless he has had the actual experience. There is probably no disease that causes so much physical and mental agony, or which so successfully defies medical aid. All danger from Influenza, however, may be avoided by the prompt use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The pain in the chest disappears, the fever subsides, and the whole body becomes more comfortable. Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of Influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy, not one case has ever been reported that has resulted in pneumonia, or that has not recovered.

Its Dangers.

An attack of Influenza seldom results fatally, but it is the indirect cause of many deaths. If it does not result in pneumonia, which is frequently the case, it leaves its victim with a cough which lingers on long after every other symptom of the disease has vanished. The system is thus left in a weakened condition and is susceptible to almost every other disease. The influenza can be greatly lessened in its severity if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used, and any tendency towards pneumonia is promptly checked. There is no medicine which has met with greater success in the treatment of this disease. It cures the cough and leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition.

Always in the House.

You should always have a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. You cannot tell just the hour you will need it, for you do not know when you will take cold. You could not bring home a better present than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It may not be needed today, but what about to-morrow? Colds come into every home. Be prepared for them. Be sure and have a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always on hand.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY,
Sold Everywhere 1/6.

WROTH.

BY AGNES AND EGERTON CASTLE.

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CHAPTER XXV.—Continued.

Up in the snow there were still, cold mists hovering around them born by harsh airs of the snow land; but below, far away, in a streak of stormy April sunset, spread the plains of Piedmont.

"Ah, godfather," cried Juliana, upon an uncontrollable impulse, reaching her hand to her old companion, "there is Italy! We can be happy there."

The clink of hoofs upon the stone road resounded from the rear as she spoke; Wroth passed the carriage the moment after, at a perilous downward trot. He swept the beaver from his head as he went by.

For a second Spiridion was embarrassed. For the life of him he knew not "what countenance to make." To his relief Juliana broke into a laugh.

"Our escort precedes us now, it seems," she said, almost gaily.

"My sight is not what it was," said the old man, quickly, "but Dieu me pardonne, I almost believe it is milord Wroth!"

He put his head out of the window, as if to make sure. When he turned again to Juliana, ready for the long-denied moment of confession and expansion, she had fallen into her silence again.

These still waters ran to a depth that even his love could not plumb.

From Susa to Turin; from Turin to Florence—three days' traject—the journey proceeded, Wroth still shadowing the carriage with discreet yet constant companionship. Through the ragged flats, the vineyards, the maize-fields, past the misty olives; past the fairy beauty of orchards, past vine again, the maize again, and presently the rice-fields and all the great rolling champaign pregnant with rich promise; then into a country more arid and picturesque, through the lovely Umbrian heights, shadowed with chestnut trees in their young leafage; over their road, endless little historic towns in high, romantic isolation, looking down upon them as they passed.

It was sundown, when the goal of the pilgrimage lay at length before them—Florence, guarded by her cypresses, sentinel on all sides; with her many pinnacles, her one incomparable dome glistening in the ruddy glow. The waters of her river crimson where they ran to the sunset.

At sight of the city, as once before at the sight of the Italian plains, Wroth passed them at his reckless, down-hill trot; and gaze as she might along the dark streets Juliana could catch no further glimpse of him. For the first time for so many days she had to pass the night without that knowledge of proximity, that singular feeling of being under his guardianship, that had secretly been so sweet to her. As the great gates of the Palazzo Mordante in the Ghibellina clanged behind them, it was to her mind as if they were closing upon all her dear, mad hopes. Now that she was at the end of her journey, it seemed as if it was the end of a life.

She was weary; the evening was chill. As she passed the brace of pompous Suisses, and they ground their halberts on the stone, according to the ancient ceremonial, she felt like some royal prisoner entering her state prison. Even good old Battista's wreathed smile of joy, the emotion with which he kissed her hand, the flow of his greeting, so respectful in its kindly familiarity, added to the sensation of melancholy. She remembered how he had stood witness to her humiliation on the morning after her master's funeral. The ancestral palace, with its suites of great painted rooms, echoing to the least footstep, the lowest word, crushed her by their size and emptiness—all brought a sense of gloom, of oppression, of intolerable loneliness, together with a rush of acrid memory. Here was where she had spent the first months after her wedding; here she had entered upon her unnatural married life with such sacred resolves, such high notions of duty, so filial a sense of respect and admiration for that great gentleman, her old husband. Here she had been so proud that he should be proud of her, so grateful for his paternal solicitude, with its indescribable flower of chivalrous affection. Here she had brought her black widowhood and disillusion, her passionate yearning for the man she was free to love. To-night old husband, young lover, seemed enveloped in the same dreary cloud—men both, both had loved her beauty, both betrayed her heart.

She stood at the threshold of her room, and watched Spiridion cross the length of the great gallery, hurrying towards her with weary tread to bid her good-night. Even his tall figure was dwarfed into ant-like insignificance by this space, this height, this emptiness that was her home. When the door closed upon her and the silence of her own room took hold of her, the golden wasps, embroidered on its gorgeous crimson hangings, seemed to dance at her in a mocking swarm. A portrait of Count Cesare occupied the centre panel over the gaping hearth. The artist had caught his faint, elusive smile. "That is life, my fair child," it seemed to say.

"That is life," said Juliana, drearily to herself, as she sat gazing into the blazing wood.

CHAPTER XXVI.

There is a salon in the Palazzo Mordanto, small in comparison with the state apartments, which has escaped their solemn gloom. It takes a corner and looks from cross windows, one on the narrow street, one over more lowly dwellings towards the white spaces of Santa Croce.

This room had been allotted to La Roche-Amand; and here in the days that followed the arrival in Florence he spent most of his time. It had been a pleasant and mellow solitude. Here the gentle philosophy of his years had returned to him, displacing the untoward emotions engendered by Juliana's ill-jointed love affairs. It is the privilege of the old to be wise and patient, to be content to await the ripening moment. It is only the young, with so much time before them, who have this precipitation of desire; the young who cannot endure delay, who must gather the bud and drive their teeth into the green fruit.

From his coign, apart, Spiridion watched with infinite indulgence the moods of Juliana this first week. To begin with, there was an austere, religious mood. Her door was condemned to all but some charitable elderly ladies who formed a league of ultra devotion and good works, a small black circle disapproving and aloof from the gay world of Florentine society. Juliana had always been a lavish subscriber to their charities; she now added her personality. What with meetings at each other's houses, discussions, visits to hospitals, the overseeing of old establishments, the founding of new, it was no wonder that she had few moments to spare, even for the old godfather.

Then came the volte-face. One morning Juliana ordered the great silver basket of cards to be brought up to her, as she sat for a rare idle half-hour in the corner room. All Florence had called upon her, it seemed, since her return. Among the grand historic names and coronets there were six cards all bearing the same inscription: "Lord Wroth—Palazzo Bandinelli." It was the eighth day after their arrival.

Juliana laughed a little as she laid the six in a row upon the marble mosaic of the table.

"Every day, the poor boy!" said Spiridion, looking over her shoulder. His eyes were full of gentle amusement and content. These children! It had ceased to seem tragedy to him, and had become a Comedie Sentimentale after the style of his youth, a comedy of which he could no longer doubt the happy ending. That marriage with the fantastic young lady of the green feathers seemed an infinite absurdity, a contract pour rire; there had been no seriousness in it. Without seriousness it must dissolve.

As he stood, smiling upon Wroth's card, a footman entered bearing another on a salver. Juliana glanced at it.

"Have you denied me?" she asked.

"Ma. . . !" Your Italian is quick of intuition. Giovanni's elbows flew to his ears, he grinned deprecatingly, "These were her Excellency's orders."

"Yes, true. Go, go," said Juliana impatiently. She added the new card to the row with musing precision.

"It is the first time he has called so early," she said, dreamily.

"Child," said Spiridion, with some impatience, "you cannot for ever refuse to see him."

"I am not going to refuse any more," said she suddenly, "him or anyone else. We'll throw the salons open, mon parrain. We shall have a feast with music; you shall play for us; let it be for to-night. Battista has but to go round—he'll be charmed with the task." She bundled the cards back into the basket. "I go to confer with Battista."

She nodded to Spiridion from the door. The severe beauty of her face was softened by an air of wonderful, youthful gaiety.

"I do not know my Juliana any more. I do not know her any more, faith!" said Spiridion, shaking his head. "I cannot imagine what she means to do. And the young man who has never even been to see me—well, well, all is sure to come right."

Meanwhile he had to practise, if he was to do his Juliana honour at such abrupt notice. The decision was over-sudden for his gently-moving age. Yet, to see her smile as she had smiled just now . . . it was worth far greater sacrifice!

The morning after Juliana's reception Spiridion sat once more in his little room, an open letter on the table before him. Good old man, he had seldom found himself in so singular a frame of mind, torn between conscience and inclination, between the dictates of a reasoned benevolence and the impulses of his heart.

The letter was from the Cure at Compiegne, indited at Madame Thomas's request to narrate the story of Miladi Wroth's seizure, and of her present condition of weakness. "I believe the poor lady to be very ill," wrote the Cure, "but the doctor thinks she may recover, though the chest will always be in danger."

That she would die—this gaudy butterfly, who had fluttered so irresponsibly across the lives of the two he loved—what solution, thought Spiridion, could be more simple, more satisfactory, more desirable? It was against this practical thought that conscience rebelled in vain; it reappeared in the wake of every new reflection. The party had left upon him a vague sense of uneasiness. Juliana had looked beautiful and the throng had been brilliant. The music had been academic enough, and his own contributions (he flattered himself) had been appreciated. But there were three or four things that puzzled and haunted him.

Imprimus, Milord's attitude. Wroth, man of the world, urbane, airy, discussing indifferent things with indifferent airs, was a hitherto unknown personality; there had been no trace of the impassioned lover, no trace of the romantic beau tenebreux, left in him last night, nothing of the man of single passion and single thought, whom Spiridion knew and had grown to love. The new Wroth Spiridion mistrusted. He was hurt, too, that towards himself there had been the same aloofness, the same mere social courtesy as towards all others. Yet twice or thrice he had caught, or fancied to catch, some strange looks cast by the young Englishman upon the group about Juliana.

And here came the second cause for anxiety. She had been very much surrounded—as, indeed, was to be expected. And the attentions of two or three of the most brilliant young representatives of great Tuscan houses had been unmistakably marked. One goes quick in these matters under the skies of Florence; and where the prize is so rarely precious, the race for it can scarce be soon enough entered on, in the simple minds of her sons.

Juliana's manner, it is true, had been, as usual, queenly and detached; but, as hostess, she was bound to be gracious to all. Spiridion saw that Wroth had no word in private with her, except some parting phrase, as he bent to kiss her hand. What that phrase was the old gentleman had no conception, but a silence had come over her from that moment. Decidedly the news of that poor inconvenient creature's death, if it was to be, could not come an hour too soon.

(To be continued.)

RAILWAY INSTITUTE.

The monthly meeting of the Railway Institute Council was held on Friday evening. Mr. H. M'Lachlan, president, occupied the chair. Mr. Scott presented a report regarding the working of the classes. In regard to the model of the line, signals, etc., for the "safe working class," the report stated that a sketch and specifications had been prepared with a view to the obtaining of the estimated cost of the model; and that the matter would be reported on to the next meeting. An intimation was received from 15 members that they would join a class for the teaching of "applied mechanics" if one were established. Mr. Campey, stationmaster at Dubbo, wrote intimating that it had been decided to form a "safe working" class at Dubbo; and asking regarding the necessary steps to be taken in the matter. Both these matters were referred to the class committee.

It was reported that during last month 139 new members had been added to the roll of the Institute.

STOMACH TROUBLES ENDED.

BILE BEANS SUCCESSFUL WHERE MEDICAL TREATMENT FAILED.

Mrs. F. Strachan, of Percival-street, Wellington, N.Z., writes:—"Permit me to express my grateful appreciation of the value of Bile Beans. For some six months I suffered with my stomach and liver. I had frequent fainting fits, and became very weak, being unable to attend to my household duties. My appetite also left me and I lost weight. I sought the advice of several doctors, but they did me little, if any, good. One day I received one of your booklets under my door, and, after reading it, I thought I would give Bile Beans a trial. I did so, and noticing an improvement with each dose, continued taking them, and am pleased to say they have quite cured me. My friends all marvel at the wonderful change in me since taking Bile Beans. I always recommend them to my friends, as I believe them to be the best remedy for stomach and liver troubles. I shall be pleased to personally explain to any sufferer from the liver the great value of Bile Beans."

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The Upper Manning show is illustrated and described in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

COLONIAL SUGAR COMPANY.

A PROSPEROUS HALF-YEAR.

REDUCED PRODUCTION EXPECTED.

The half-yearly meeting of the above company was held yesterday, Mr. H. E. Kater, M.L.C., presiding. The report showed a net profit of £134,779, out of which a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum was recommended, absorbing £124,037, leaving £35,624 to be carried forward against £24,882 brought into the account. In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the chairman said when they last met the continued drought made them apprehensive as to the crop of cane to be cut this year, but good rains in the last months of 1907 wrought a great change for the better, and from the Queensland mills they now looked for an average output, though this would not be obtained in New South Wales, where the dry weather in the spring of 1906 and that of 1907 seriously hindered the planting of cane. In Fiji a large production was expected, and the crop should still be a good one, despite the effects of insufficient rain in February and March and a heavy blow a few weeks ago. Since the half-year's accounts were closed the proprietors of the Ripple Creek mill, in the Herbert district of Queensland have announced their decision to close the mill, as they were unable to pay the price the company gave for cane in that district. They were in a position to take the crops hitherto sent to Ripple Creek, and had purchased the plant at its value for breaking up. He had nothing of importance to say in connection with the refining business except that—in consequence of a sharp advance in Europe—they had lately been able to raise their selling prices in Australia by about £1 per ton; but as the Queensland millowners received the whole advantage thus obtained for their share of the crop, and the sales to manufacturers were at a fixed price, the net gain to the company was barely half the advance. There were some indications that the farmers in Australia and New Zealand were beginning to realise the value of molasses in feeding stock, and a good deal of expense had been incurred by the company in the endeavour to meet possible demands in this direction. Seeing that they gave some 5000 tons a year to their live stock in Fiji, they had no doubt whatever about its value as fodder, yet they shall run to waste of last season's make about 17,000 tons, and other manufacturers had probably also so disposed of about 25,000 tons. The main difficulty in marketing the material was the irregularity of the demand, which had so far prevented the making use of the system of transportation in tank steamers from the more distant mills, or erecting plant there for the production of a dry fodder.

The report as printed was adopted. Mr. Richard Binnie was elected a director.

LIBERAL UNION CONFERENCE.

At the third session of the above conference, held on Wednesday, Mrs. Minter (Wahroonga) occupied the chair. The first question was as to whether the right should be claimed for women to sit on shire and municipal councils. After some discussion, in which Mrs. M. Parkes, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Fell, and Miss Goggs (Queensland) took part, a paper by Mrs. Bogue Luffmann on the subject was read. A motion to the effect that women should ask for the right to sit on shire and municipal councils was carried.

Mrs. Parkes moved, and Mrs. Spencer seconded, that those present form a deputation to the Premier on the subject, which was agreed to.

During the afternoon session Mrs. Molyneux Parkes was in the chair. The question of the early closing of hotels was considered, and it was agreed that it was desirable that hotels should be closed at 10 o'clock.

Papers on Agricultural Colleges for Women, by Mrs. Bogue Luffmann and Mrs. Kock were read, also a paper by Mrs. Bogue Luffmann on Housekeeping Schools for Girls. After a discussion, in which numerous delegates took part, the principle of the desirability of agricultural colleges and housekeeping schools for women was affirmed. The desirability of a Suburban Building Act was also agreed to.

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"Myself and two little children were covered with a red, pimply rash, and it was so itchy. I tried every ointment it was possible to get. Until I tried the Cuticura Ointment it was the first relief we got. I was afraid to go near a doctor for fear of him making a fuss, as, of course, I knew it must be infectious, for I took it first, then one little one, and then the other, and finally my husband. I used about twelve or thirteen boxes Cuticura Ointment, but that wasn't much considering all I had to do with it. My own arms and between my fingers, on front of shins, and between my toes, were completely covered with an ugly, itchy rash, and my youngest little girl was covered from crown to sole. I thought she would have died. She was only a year and two months at the time. My eldest wasn't so bad, but bad enough. Thanks to the Cuticura Ointment, we are completely cured. Mrs. D. M. Grieve, Denaghmore, Co. Tyrone, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19, 1908."—Advt.

The Agricultural and Pastoral Notes in this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" deal with important subjects.—Advt.

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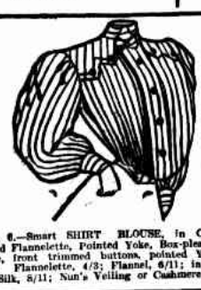

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ENGAGED as draftsmen and clerks and in other subordinate positions. In my limited circle of acquaintance I could name at least twenty licensed surveyors so employed, who would simply ridicule the idea of undertaking the responsibility and mental strain, combined with physical hardship, of survey work at the present rate of remuneration offered by the Government. These men are not occupying high positions, but are all receiving less than £300, and some less than £200, per annum. They are employed by the Minister for Lands in his own department, and are available at any time if sufficient inducement were offered.

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.

Although the Minister for Agriculture stated in these columns yesterday that there need be no fear that the experimental work of the department would not go on apace, taken in conjunction with his other remarks, and the expressed "making pay" policy, there will, nevertheless, still be considerable fear. Mr. Perry thinks that experimental work, to have any real educational value, must be conducted on a scale that will demonstrate its success financially, and it is right here that the Minister seems in danger of overlooking one of the most important functions of experiment, that is, lesson from failure. As we have previously pointed out, some of the most valuable experiments to the farming community have their value in their failure. They teach what to avoid, and hence their value. The farmer has already fairly safe lines on which to conduct his business, and it is when the advisability of stepping out of the groove on a new venture occurs that the experimental farm has the opportunity of playing its part. It can lead the way. If the result is failure, then, at small expense to the State, the farmers have avoided a heavy loss. If success is achieved, then a similar service has been rendered the farming world. But if financial success is to be the guiding principle, the experimental farm will also hesitate to step outside of the regular groove, and prefer to keep on the more solid basis of what has already been found successful. Consequently it simply degenerates into a competitor with the ordinary farmer, with accompanying loss of prestige and value. The fact is that Mr. Perry cannot escape the inevitable result of his financial success policy, no matter how strongly he may desire continued experiment. If the responsible officers become imbibed with the feeling that their work will be largely judged according to financial results, then they will naturally avoid the uncertain, and adhere to the safer everyday line of farming. As regards Mr. Perry's objection to small experimental plots we cannot see that there will be any great difference in an experiment conducted on an acre or a rood provided the conditions are precisely similar; it is all a matter of ratio, and the results from the rood if properly conducted should illustrate what the results from 1000 acres would be. With the larger plots there will certainly be a heavier expense to the State, in a case where an experiment might be a failure (and hence valuable), but as Mr. Perry evidently does not intend that there should be any failures, this view does not presumably matter. As the Minister simply intends to make a profit out of the farms it is indeed hard to see why there should be any restriction as to area at all. Why not let the department go in for wholesale farming? Such a course would probably find favour with Mr. Perry's critics on the Opposition benches. Whether the successful farmers of this country would learn anything from such a proceeding is doubtful, just as it is doubtful as to whether they will be prepared to accept the department's figures in connection with the working of these farms. Whether there will be any benefit to the State, apart perhaps from a few pounds profit made by the farmer, is also doubtful. Certainly the department may prove beyond suspicion that farming can be made to pay, but as that has been already proved in the best of ways by hundreds of successful farmers in all parts of the State, the value of such a performance is not extremely impressive. About the only tangible fact that can so far be gathered from the "forward policy" of the newly-organised department, as far as making the experimental farms pay is concerned, is that really valuable experimental work, in spite of Mr. Perry's optimism, will become a thing of the past in this State.

SPECULATION IN TRUCKS.

The suggestion made by the Melbourne "Argus," as published in these columns yesterday, that the attention of the New South Wales railway authorities should be drawn to the persistent rumours in South Riverina and north-eastern Victoria, to the effect that a "corner" has been made by dealers and speculators in railway trucks in order that they may buy up stock at low rates, is rather late in the day. As readers of the "Herald" know, the attention of the authorities has already been drawn to the discreditable possibilities and allegations surrounding the present shortage of trucks; but, so far, the department has maintained a discreet silence. It has been asked why the "three weeks' regulation" in connection with ordering trucks has been waived this season, thus allowing the speculator to get to work. No answer has been forthcoming, nor has it been yet denied by the department that, while stock-owners up-country were being informed by the railway officials that orders could not be taken for trucks for more than three weeks in advance, at the same time orders were being taken in Sydney for a much longer period in advance.

But it is not at all probable that the stock-owners of this State will allow these question to remain unanswered, or a suspicion of such intolerable distinctions to be allowed to go unchallenged. The issue at stake is too great, and the matter has reached such a stage that it is due to the community that the Commissioners should not only thoroughly investigate and explain these matters, but it might be well if figures were published showing by whom and for how long the trucks at present engaged were ordered. This would probably be about the only means of satisfying the public as to the truth of the statement at present freely made, that one individual alone has 4000 trucks ordered, and, therefore, held out of common use.

ITEMS.

Mr. W. C. Buchanan, of Masterton, New Zealand, has offered the Government a site worth £5000 for the purpose of an experimental farm at Wairarapa, and £1000 in cash towards stocking it.

A new apple pest is reported from Victoria. The larvae of the cup moth have been known for a long time as a partial destroyer of the eucalypts, but their partiality for apple trees at Avenal and Mangalore is the display of a new appetite. The larvae are exceedingly voracious, and are occasionally found in those districts in countless thousands.

"Some details have now been given by the principal of the Gatton Agricultural College (Q.) concerning the birds which put up a world's record in the egg-laying competition. These birds, owned by Mr. A. H. Padman, of South Australia, are described as medium-sized, very active, and with strong constitutions. They started off with 108 eggs for the first month, and never flagged. The same birds ran right through the 12 months without sickness; indeed, this was the case with the first three pens. Under the circumstances the food supply of these birds is of some interest. For the morning meal they were given bran and pollard, in the proportion of one part of bran to two of pollard. Every alternate morning a little oil-cake was mixed with this food. Sometimes a soup made from fresh bones or separated milk was given with it. At noon green lucerne was fed when no fresh grass was available in the pens. Some soup meat was also given occasionally. The evening meal consisted for the most part of wheat, with, by way of change occasionally, heavy oats or sunflower seeds in summer, or maize in winter. Shell grit and cool water were always available. The houses were cleaned twice a week.

DEARTH OF SURVEYORS.

"Surveyor" writes:—I read with interest your article on the above subject. You point out that there are private surveyors whose aid could be invoked in an emergency, but what lends point to the statement that the inducement offered by the Government is insufficient is the simple fact that there are at the present time a number of qualified licensed surveyors in the Lands Department

ENGLISH WOOL LETTER.

SLUMP AND DISASTER.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, March 27.

There have been some marvellous times in the wool trade in years gone by, but nothing like this. Disaster and calamity have followed in quick succession, and when I say the bottom is out of the market the reader will fully understand what that means. In all my 21 years' experience of attending London wool sales, I have never known time like the present, for not only is the saleroom about a good half-filled, but competition is slack, and the tone almost dead. From the daily heavy withdrawals alone we see distinctly where matters actually stand. Yesterday week some 3300 bales were taken in, last Monday 1722 bales, on Tuesday 2772 bales, and both on Wednesday and last night the proportion was just about the same. I have just heard that for the first eight selling days 15,635 bales have been withdrawn, which is practically an average of 2000 bales per night. This is the worst week's work that we have had since the slump of 1900, and it reminds me forcibly of the very slack times we had at the March series in that year. It had then begun to dawn upon the trade that the slump was on, and things continued their downward career till the following September. This week's sales have been tame to a degree, and nothing but listlessness and inactivity characterise the room. The situation is exceedingly painful to scores of importers and hundreds of growers, and losses as much as £6 per bale are frequently met with.

The present is indeed a calamitous time, and somebody is going to be either lamed or killed. Nothing is selling at all well, except the very best long greasy combing and super clean Queensland scoureds, but even here things are a full penny down. America is buying a few odd lots, but they are mostly specialities which they know will not be up again for another twelve months, these mostly being fine crossbreds, paying up to 12½ for them. Leaving these few specialities, nothing but a slump can be recorded. Medium merinos are down 1½d, while faulty scoureds are anywhere at times from 2d to 4d down. Medium and coarse crossbreds have slumped fully 2½d, and plenty of useful farmers' clips from New Zealand are selling from 5d to 6d per lb. I was in an office last Tuesday, when an invoice was shown me for a line of New Zealand crossbreds which had come in at 11d per lb. They were up that day, and only 4½d was bid. One of our best brokers catalogued this week a right first-class, shafty warp 60's clip, from South Australia, named Martindale. Its combing character was A1, and just the ticket for Bradford. I certainly thought it would have fetched 10½d, for the first two lots will give 52 to 53 per cent. clean scoured, and some sold 54 per cent. Imagine my surprise when only 9½d was bid. I was authoritatively told afterwards that the owners had refused a bid of either 12d or 12½d in Adelaide for the self-same lots. The London limit was 10d, and only 9½d being bid, the wool was taken in. The only people doing anything at all in London is the home trade, and but for Yorkshire the saleroom might as well be closed at once It is simply appalling to see the lack of life and activity that characterises each sitting, for nobody seems to want anything, keenness in bids being entirely absent.

BRADFORD SLUMPING.

Bradford market yesterday was about panic-stricken, with business at a complete standstill, and everybody wondering what to do. The well-known Laisterdyke firm of topmakers refused business several times a good fortnight ago at 2s 2d for their super 60's tops, and yesterday they were sellers at 2s, but could do no business whatever. I believe a bid of 22½d would have found them willing sellers. Their next competitor has been selling for over a week past at 23d; while other well-known topmakers, buying freely in Australia, are willing to accept 22½d. Crossbreds were worse still, and here utter demoralisation was the order of the day. An American said on Tuesday in London docks he had offered a thousand packs of good 40's at 9½d, but I could have bought yesterday in several place at 9d. Exactly this day a year ago 62's tops were quoted at 17½d; so, practically speaking, there has been a fall of an all-round 8½d in no short a time. Even in the slump days of 1900 and 1901 the fall was from 13d to 7d, only 6d, and this in two years' time. A good 40's tops is now worth less than one-half what it was in May and June, 1906, 14 months then fully 18½d. Besides, nobody can sell anything, even at such a low figure, everybody standing off. Unquestionably the situation is very critical, and I only hope that we shall not see failures as the result of the heavy losses which are having to be faced. The talk about some of our importers wanting to talk over the losses on imports is all moonshine. They are there. Many interested parties now acknowledge to having been severely bitten; their very countenance displays it, and they recognise that they are not yet by any means out of the wood. Even London brokers are fearing financial difficulties, and, as one said to me only this week, "we are going to be paid for every bale before it leaves the warehouse."

SLUMP IN CONTINENTAL FUTURES.

The Continental futures market has responded very forcibly to the lower level of prices in Coleman-street, and futures have slumped heavily this week. At the beginning of March the quotation at Antwerp for River Plate tops per kilo was 5.15f (232d), whereas the day before yesterday it had slumped to 4.45 (19½d). I Roubaix on March 5 the quotation was 5.32½ (23½d), while yesterday it had dropped to 4.65 (20½d). On all sides wool prices are dropping fast, and likely to do.

The selling brokers yesterday decided to close up the present series this day week, thus knocking off four selling days. This means that at least 60,000 bales will be carried forward to the May series, and being limited to 180,000 bales net arrivals means that in all probability the available quantity will be 250,000 bales.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

WELLINGTON.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

WELLINGTON.—The annual show of the Wellington P. A. and H. Society was opened on Wednesday. While the district has experienced a spell of dry weather, there is an increase of entries to the extent of 150. One of the chief attractions of the display made in farm produce is the large pavilion being occupied with exhibits of Trevitt and Son, Bathurst, and Reinhardt Bros., Wellington. The judge found the trophies so good that he was unable to separate them, and the competitors divided first and second prizes. Individual displays in farm produce were particularly good. As usual, Reinhardt Bros. were well to the fore, while some fine samples of maize were shown by A. E. Fuller, who was successful in this class. The ring events were prominent in the day's programme, and there were some good classes in horses, although a few lacked condition. Ponies generally were a strong lot. In sheep, E. Webb and Co., Bathurst, were very successful in merinos, but the entries were not up to expectations. In longwools there were few entries, quite in contrast to the competition in this division at other western shows this season.

The official opening ceremony was performed by Mr. W. H. Wood, Chief Secretary. Mr. H. Nancarrow, president of the society, presided.

Mr. W. H. Wood, who on rising was received with cheers, said he must certainly congratulate the district in having such a fine show. It indicated that it was a most fertile and rich district when such a show could be held although it was languishing through the present dry conditions.

Messrs. C. H. Barton, R. Jones, J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A., also spoke.

The western mail train, in which a large number of visitors were coming from Sydney, arrived over an hour late, upsetting arrangements somewhat. Awards:—

Cattle.—Durhams—Bull, any age: C. H. Barton, 1; Mrs. H. Rich, 2. Bull, 1 yr and under 2yrs: W. A. Gardiner, 1; Mrs. H. Rich, 2. Bull, under 1yr: H. Veech, sen., 1. Cow: B. Veech, sen., 1. Heifer, 1yr and under 2yrs: B. Veech, sen., 1. Hereford bull: J. Veech. Two heifers, 1yr: A. Rich, 1; B. Veech, sen., 2. Two heifers, 2yrs and under 3yrs: Mrs. H. Rich. Bull, 2yrs and under 3yrs: W. A. Gardiner, 1 and champion. Jersey bull: H. Nancarrow, 1; Mrs. H. Rich, 2. Jersey—Cow: A. Rich, 1; H. Hansen, 2. Fat bullock: W. A. Gardiner.

Sheep.—Merino, housed, ram, over 2yrs: T. K. Webb, 1 and ch. Ditto, over 1yr and under 2yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1; E. Thompson, 2. Ditto, under 1yr: E. Webb and Co. Ewe, over 2yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1 and 2. Ditto, under 2yrs and over 1yr: E. Webb and Co., 1 and 2. Ditto, under 1yr: E. Webb and Co. Ram, unhoused, over 2yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1; W. H. Smith, 2. Ditto, under 2yrs and over 1yr: E. Webb and Co., 1; W. H. Smith, 2. Ram under 1yr: C. H. Barton, 1 and 2. Ewe over 2yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1 and ch.; W. H. Smith, 2. Ewe over 1yr and under 2yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1; W. H. Smith, 2. Ewe under 1yr: E. Webb and Co., 1; W. H. Barton, 2. Two rams over 1yr: E. Webb and Co., 1 and ch. Two ewes over 1yr: W. T. Smith, 1. Ram, any age: E. Webb and Co., 1; N. H. Smith, 2. Ewe, any age: E. Webb and Co., 1; N. H. Smith, 2. Farmers' Class—Merino: M. K. Crockett, 1; E. Thompson, 2. Ewe over 1yr and under 2: E. Thompson, 1 and 2. Two ram lambs: M. R. Crockett, 1 and 2. Two ewe lambs: M. R. Crockett, 1; H. Althofer, 2; Shropshire ram: H. Owen, 1. Ewe: Ditto, fat sheep—Three fat merino wethers: H. M. Lowe, 1; C. H. Barton, 2. Crossbred wethers: John Harris, 1; H. J. Knowles, 2. Crossbred ewes: John Harris. Three wethers, farmers' fat crossbred lambs: C. H. Barton.

Horses.—Blood stallion, 3 yrs. and over: C. H. Barton, 1; Sir F. B. Suttor, 2. Mare, 3 yrs. and over: B. Veech, sen., 1. Mare, 2 yrs. and under 3: C. H. Barton, 2. No first prize was awarded. Mare and foal: B. Veech, sen., 1. Mare, 1 yr. and under 2: B. Veech. Mare, 3 yrs., producing hacks and buggy horses: W. H. Potts, 1; B. Veech, sen., 2. Trotting colt: L. E. O'Brien, 1; P. M'Cudden, 2. Blood colt: B. Veech, sen., 1. Sir Harold foal: H. E. Lord, 1; T. E. O'Brien, 2. Globello foal: W. H. Potts. Pony class—12 hands and under: E. T. Gordon. Stallion, 14 hands and over: 13: R. C. Geale. Mare, 12 hands and under: A. E. Fuller. Ditto, 13 hands and over 12: T. Austin. Mare, under 14 hands and over 13: Mrs. Whinnom, 1; H. E. Lord, 2. Tommy foal at foot: W. Livermore, jun., 1; Zair, 2. Draught stallion, 3yrs: G. W. Gunnell, 1; W. Lavender, 2. Young Wallace, foal at foot, ditto, 3yrs and under 5yrs: Wm. Smith, jun. Ditto, 1yr and under 2yrs: H. Gibbs. Mare, 3yrs and over: H. Gibbs, 1; A. E. Fuller, 2. Mare, 1yr and under 2yrs: C. H. Barton. Mare, and foal, draught: A. E. Fuller, 1; C. E. Finch, 2. Foal, under 1yr: C. E. Finch, 1; J. M. Wallace, 2. Farm stallion (local): C. H. Barton, 1; Tim Sayers, 2. Foal by Young Wallace: Jno. Wallace. Champion prizes—G. W. Gunnell; Killuchy stallion (local), C. H. Barton; Suffolk Punch stallion, T. M. Parkinson; weight-carrying hackney, A. Judd and T. H. Shaw; pair of buggy horses, not over 14 hands, T. M. Sheriff and E. C. Webb.

Maiden Trot: W. Rutter's Victor, 1; H. Nancarrow's Bob, 2. Horses, suitable for remounts: S. K. Camp-bell. Trotting colt or filly: Mrs. White. Pony trot: W. Gardiner's Vampire, 1; H. V. Sherig's Tommy, 2. Best sociable horse: W. Rutter. Best buggy horse, under 15 hands: T. M. Smith, 1; Dr. Paton, 2. Open trot: J. Nancarrow's Harold Patch. 1; J. A. Whitely's May C., 2. Time, ten 2½s. All-round farm horse: C. H. Barton, 1; W. Rutter, 2. Pony, under 14 hands, ridden by boy and girl under 16: J. Crook. Farmers' hackney, small holders: T. H. Shaw, 1; H. Gibb, 2. Local trot: T. H. Edmonds's Miss Patte, 1; L. H. Smith's Biddy, 2. Time, 4m 31s. Buggy horses, driven: T. M. Smith, 1; Dr. Paton, 2. Pony, saddle and bridle turnout, ridden by girl under 15: H. Nancarrow and J. Crook divided. Hack, lead by the owner: T. H. Shaw, 1; C. H. Barton, 2. Best girl rider, under 16: Miss J. Crook and Miss Nancarrow divided. Best walking hack: J. Hennessey.

Poultry.—The first prize winners were:—H. W. Sherringham, T. Reid, R. Jones, H. A. Littlewood, Mrs. H. Collins, J. Se Prowse, Mrs. Kibble, W. T. Sherringham, Mrs. C. A. Cannon, Mrs. E. Coleman, W. H. Godfrey, T. Robinson, Jas. Gale, R. R. Burgess, A. E. Pollard, C. Rose, J. Barratt, T. M'Cormick.

NARRABRI.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

Narrabri show was held to-day under favourable auspices. The district has enjoyed a bountiful season, and the town itself is in a more prosperous condition than it has been for some years. The general prosperity was amply reflected in the show, and the majority of classes were well filled. The exhibits as a whole were of a high standard. The horse section, if anything, was rather limited, except for hackney and harness sorts. Sheep formed a large class, although there were not many of the local stations represented. The principal exhibitors were Mr. P. Mullens, of Wingen, who penned eight merino rams and eight ewes, the majority appropriating firsts, and also secured a grand champion prize for ram and ewe. Mr. Henry Hall, of Willow Tree, was chiefly represented with Lincolns, and in these classes he proved very successful. Edgerol and Killarney stations penned some of their best stud representatives, which commanded close attention.

Considering that Narrabri is principally a pastoral district, the fine collection of farm produce was surprising. The exhibits were made mostly by farmers and settlers, who have ideal farms along Eulah Creek and sheltered among the hills. Mr. Reuben Smith, a prominent exhibitor at many northern shows, contributed a splendid collection of farm products, which included excellent lucerne, sorghum, maize, wheat, many varieties of potatoes, and a big selection of vegetables. Coming from one farm, the whole trophy formed a very meritorious collection. Mr. E. Tarrant was also prominent in the farm trophy section, and the collection was a very representative one. The vegetables were particularly good, especially cabbages, cauliflowers, and potatoes. Maize secured a large number of entries, some of the cobs being of abnormal size. Wheat, too, was another large section, the finest samples grown locally being Manitoba, Marshall's No. 3, and Bobs. There were several first-class samples of lucerne hay and ensilage. Awards:—

Durhams: Bull, 3yrs, T. A. Magill, Morlee station, ditto, 2yrs: W. F. Buchanan, ditto, 1yr: T. A. Magill, 1 and champion. Cow, with calf: John Lehane, 1; A. Barker, 2. Heifer, under 2yrs; also three years: J. V. Whiteman. Polled Angus, bull and cow: W. F. Buchanan. Ayrshires: Bull, any age: W. Smith, Eulah Creek, 1; R. C. Vincent, 2; ditto, cow, with calf: E. G. Morath. Jersey or Alderney cows: A. C. M'Quade. Dairy Durhams' Bull, A. J. Park, 1; C. H. Richards, 2; ditto, cow: E. G. Morath, 1; William Palmer, 2.

Fat Cattle: Cow: C. H. Richards, 1; W. F. Buchanan, 2. Steers: J. V. Whiteman. Selectors' section, 2260 acres, Durham bull: A. T. Whiteman; ditto, cow, J. H. Lehane. Heifers: A. T. Whiteman. Pen 3 steers: J. V. Whiteman.

Horses: Stallion, 3yrs: T. Longworth, 1; T. P. Wall, 2. Brood mare: 3yrs, T. A. Stirton, 1; S. Dempsey, 2. Filly, 3yrs: T. P. Wall. Stallion, for weight-carrying hackneys, W. Smith; ditto, mare: T. P. Wall, 1; J. Marchand, 2. Weight-carrying hackney: T. P. Wall, 1; H. G. Lovely, 2. Highweight hackney: H. R. Murray, 1; T. S. Knight, 2. Pony: 14 hands: S. Dempsey, 1; T. D. Watson, 2; ditto, 13 hands; W. H. Coleman. Pony, stallion, 14 hands: James Ashton. Pair buggy horses: H. R. Murray, 1; W. F. Buchanan, 2. Single buggy horse: Dr. Barton, 1; H. Everingham, 2. Buggy pony, 14 hands; H. R. Murray, 1; S. Dempsey, 2. Draughts: Pair plough horses: John Lehane. Mare for produce: John Lehane. Draught stallion: F. Davis.

Poultry, principal awards:—Champion bird on the ground, Chippendal and Wall (Sydney), with Silver Wyandotte hen; Silver Wyandotte cockerel, E. Upjohn; Partridge Wyandotte, hen and cockerel, Chippendale and Wall; Black Game, cock or cockerel, A. J. Park. Any other champion; ditto, Australian cock or cockerel; C. S. M'intyre; ditto, hen and pullet; C. S. M'intyre; Leghorn cockerel, George Cross; ditto, white cockerel, James Somerville; ditto, hen, Scott Brothers; Black Orpingtons, George Cross; ditto, buff, J. W. Steele; three cockerels, suitable for export, B. Meppem.

SHORT MILK SUPPLY.

WOLLONGONG.—The past dry season has been responsible for a large number of cows not coming into yards. Consequently there is a considerable shortage in the milk supply in the district. Many farmers are now only milking 20 cows against 60 or 70 at the same period last year. The town supply is also short, some vendors having found it necessary to abandon their runs for the present.

DAIRYING.

ALBION PARK.—Dairy cattle near work brought high prices at a clearing out sale on Wednesday. Prospects are good for the winter. Farmers have abundance of green crops planted, oats and barley.

GLOUCESTER.—During the last four weeks Avon and Barrington co-operative butter factory turned out 20 tons 6 cwt of butter, the bulk of which fetched 104s per cwt, the total disbursements being £1830, the largest cheque to a cream supplier for the four weeks being £62. The country is looking magnificent, and could carry twice the quantity of stock at present in the district.

MEETINGS OF FARMERS.

WOLLONGONG.—At the annual meeting of the Wollongong A. H. and I. Association on Tuesday night the treasurer's statement showed that the year's transactions had been highly successful, and financially the society was in the same position as it was last year.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Tomingley writes: "I have a haystack which has been standing for about six months. Its measurements are 24ft in diameter, 35ft 6in to the eave, 15ft high. Please let me know how many of bags there are in it." Since you give the measurement of the stack in diameter we presume the stack is a circular one. If so, it contains 4184.6 cubic feet. The weight of hay depends a good deal on how the stack has been built, whether the hay has been put in loose or in sheaves, and whether it is made of wheat, oats, barley, lucerne, or grass. A cubic foot of new hay weighs from 250lb to 270lb, old hay 216lb to 244lb, and dry grass hay from 280lb to 295lb. Taking an average weight of your six-months-old stack, the contents will be, if made from wheat, oats, or barley, at 245lb to the cubic foot, 457 tons 15cwt 3qrs. If made of grass or lucerne 560 tons 8cwt 3qrs.

"Novitiate" writes:—"Having got a farm on the alluvial flats of Emu Plains, I should like to know what

MEETINGS.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General MEETING of the Members of the Society will be held in the Hall, Royal-chambers, 3 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, MAY 22nd inst, at 3 p.m.

BUSINESS:

To receive Annual Report and Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the period November 1st, 1906, to December 31st, 1907.

To Elect a President, 15 Vice-Presidents, 12 Members of the Council, an Honorary Treasurer, and 2 Auditors, to fill vacancies caused by the retirement of Office-bearers, in accordance with Rule 18.

The following gentlemen retire, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—

PRESIDENT:
Hon. Sir Francis B. Suttor, Kt., M.L.C.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Angus, James, Esq.	Gee, Alban, Esq.
Badgery, H. S., Esq.	Greaves, W. A. B., Esq.
Brandis, C., Esq.	Harris, Sir Matthew
Charley, Capt. P.	Hay, Dr. John
Dight, J. G., Esq.	Lees, Ald. S. E.
Fiaschi, Dr. T.	Loder, George, Esq.
Foley, B. W., Esq.	Taylor, Ald. Allen.
Francis, H. R., Esq.	

COUNCIL
(12 to be elected):

Blaxland, R. T., Esq.	Lord, Henry, Esq.
Bowman, A., Esq.	Marr, H. F., Esq.
Burns, E., Esq.	Martin, F. L., Esq.
Hoskins, T. J., Esq.	Pateson, H., Esq.
Hamilton, H. M., Esq.	Playfair, A. D., Esq.
Jones, H. A., Esq.	

HON. TREASURER:
Lt.-Col. A. T. Pringle, V.D.

AUDITORS:
Fell, David, Esq., F.C.A.A., M.L.A.,
Vane, H. Dunstan, Esq., F.S.I.A.

NOMINATIONS for Vacancies (accompanied by the consent of the nominee) must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 6 p.m. on FRIDAY, May 1st, next.

H. M. SOMER, Secretary,
Royal-chambers,
3 Castlereagh-street.

Sydney, April 22nd, 1908.

NEW SOUTH WALES CLUB.
The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS will be held in the SMOKING ROOM, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 30th instant, at 1.30 p.m.
By order of the Committee,
FRANK EVANS,
Secretary.

THE JEMBAICUMBENE MIDDLE GROUND DREDGING COMPANY, NO LIABILITY.

Notice is hereby given that the ELEVENTH HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, 109 Pitt-street, Sydney, on MONDAY, 11th MAY, 1908, at noon.

BUSINESS:

To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the period ending 31st March, 1908.

To Elect a Director in lieu of Dr. George Read, who retires, but is eligible for re-election.

To appoint an Auditor in the place of Mr. W. Tarleton, F.C.P.A., who retires, but is eligible for re-appointment, and to fix the Auditor's remuneration.

And to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting in terms of the Rules of the Company.

By order of the Board,
R. VERNON SADDINGTON, Manager.
Sydney, 29th April, 1908.

PROVINCIAL GRAND BLACK CHAPTER, N.S.W.—SPECIAL MEETING TO-NIGHT, 7.30, PROTESTANT HALL. Business important.
E. MOREMON, Grand Reg.

ABOLITION of State Parliaments Unification League meets Friday Even., May 1, Sch. of Arts, Pitt-st.

R.B.P., 492.—MEMBERS, please attend P.G.C. TO-NIGHT, 7.45 o'clock, Protestant Hall, city.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES IN BANKRUPTCY.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ACCOUNTS with Plans of Distribution in the undermentioned Estates, showing dividends as specified, are now filed in the Office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and notice is hereby given that such accounts and plans will be submitted to the Court for confirmation on THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1908, at 11 a.m., if not previously objected to:—

EDWARD OSRIC JOSEPH FUNSTON and WILLIAM HOLFORD, trading as "Funston, Holford, and Company," of 9 Wynyard-street, Sydney, auctioneers (No. 2365), an amended third account and second plan of distribution showing payment of the balance of the preferential claims in full and a dividend of 4s 7d (four shillings and sevenpence) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

The Estate of HARRY BERKELEY FITZHARDINGE, deceased, late of Wagga Wagga (No. 8061), a seventh account and sixth plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 2 11-12d (twopence eleven-twelfths of a penny) in the £ on the only proved concurrent claim.

WALTER GLENDOWER EVANS, of Waterview-street, Balmain, Civil Servant (No. 14,265), a fourth account and third plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 3s 0⅝d (three shillings and five-eighths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

CECIL WILLIAM EDWARD BEDFORD, of Annandale-street, Annandale, Foreman of Works (No. 14,534), a second account and first plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 11s 0 9-16d eleven shillings and nine-sixteenths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

JOHN WALTER FLETCHER, of McLeay House, Elizabeth Bay, Civil Servant (No. 14,731), a seventh account and seventh plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 8 19-24d (eightpence nineteen-twenty-fourths of a penny) in the £ on the only proved concurrent claim.

HENRY JAMES CONLIN, of Merriwa, late of West Maitland, Police Constable (No. 14,998), a fourth account and third plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 2s 6½d (two shillings and sixpence half-penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

FRANK GEORGE KENDRICK WILSON, of Wallaroo-street, Kogarah, Telegraph Operator (No. 15,217), a sixth account and fifth plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 2s 10⅝d (two shillings and tenpence five-eighths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

JOHN WILLIAM CLINCH, of Kiama, Postmaster (No. 15,579), a seventh account and seventh plan of distribution showing payment of an equalising dividend of 4 13-40d (fourpence thirteen-fortieths of a penny) in the £ on one claim proved since the filing of the last account and a dividend of 3s 1d (three shillings and one penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

WILLIAM O'DONNELL COSGROVE, of Bexley, Civil Servant (No. 15,961), a sixth account and fifth plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 2s 6⅝d (two shillings and sixpence five-eighths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

JOHN GILLESPIE, of 137 Botany-road, Waterloo, Letter Carrier (No. 16,313), a second account and first plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 3s 2 5-16d (three shillings and twopence five-sixteenths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

ALEXANDER GEORGE WATT, of Kogarah, Salesman (No. 16,320), a fifth account and fourth plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 2s 10½d (two shillings and tenpence half-penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

HENRY HAYES, of 49 Little Belmore-street, Surry Hills, Civil Servant (No. 16,462), a third account and second plan of distribution showing payment of an equalising dividend of 4s 8½d (four shillings and eightpence half-penny) in the £ on three claims proved since the filing of the last account.

SIDNEY SMITH, of Exeter, Night Officer at Railway Station (No. 16,649), a third account and second plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 1s 11 1-16d (one shilling and elevenpence one-sixteenth of a penny) in the £ on the only proved concurrent debt.

MARTIN CONNELLY, of 44 William-street, North Sydney, Civil Servant (No. 16,764), a third account and second plan of distribution showing payment of a dividend of 4s 6 3-16d (four shillings and sixpence three-sixteenths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

HENRY BENJAMIN LIEBMANN, of the Langham Hotel, York-street, Sydney, Licensed Victualler (No. 17,033), a first account and plan of distribution showing payment of two preferential claims in full and a dividend of 7s 6 1-5d (seven shillings and sixpence one-fifth of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

FREDERICK COX FLOCKTON, of 265 Pitt-street, Sydney, and 2 Thomas-street, Redfern, Lapidary (No. 17,635), a first account and plan of distribution showing payment of two preferential claims in full and a dividend of 7s 6 1-6d (seven shillings and sixpence one-sixth of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

Also, accounts current only in the undermentioned estates:—

17,618. WILLIAM McINTYRE, of Electoral Office, Bridge-street, Sydney.
17,630. ALBERT EDWARD RUSHBROOK, of Wonga Creek, near Marilla, Labourer.
17,631. HENRY CLARKE, of Nymagee, Engine-driver.
17,632. JAMES TAYLOR, of Tomingley-road, near Dubbo, Farmer.
17,634. Estate of LEON HOUREUX, deceased, late of Rockdale, Pittwater, Hotelkeeper.
17,639. RICHARD HOGAN, of Casino, Labourer.
17,640. ERNEST GILHAM COOK, of 42 Boyce-street, Glebe Point, Butcher.
17,648. HJALMAR BOECK, of 219 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, Wool Clerk.
17,651. MICHAEL DUNLEAVY, of Bulrondra, Farmer.

WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER,
Official Assignee.
47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney,
28th April, 1908.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of SARAH GARNER, late of Percival-road, Stanmore, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate.—Notice is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my Office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any Claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said Office on or before the twentieth day of May, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this twenty-ninth day of April, in the year 1908. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. HENRY DAVIS and WOLSTENHOLME, Proctors, Bull's-chambers, 14 Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ADELINE MABEL ANNIE COX, late of Forbes, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Whereas Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of the abovenamed deceased were, on the twenty-seventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five, granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales in its Probate Jurisdiction to ALLASTER EDWARD COX, and whereas the said Allaster Edward Cox died on the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eight, notice is hereby given that application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration de bonis non of the Estate and Effects of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Limited, until one of the lawful children of the abovenamed deceased shall attain the age of twenty-one years; and all Notices may be served at the Office of the undersigned, to whom Creditors are requested to send particulars of their Claims forthwith. WESTGARTH, NATHAN, and CO., Proctors for the said Administrator, Mutual Life-building, Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Two Codicils of GEORGE CURRIE, late of Puckawidgee Station, near Conargo, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and two Codicils thereto of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HARRIET FRANCES CURRIE, GEORGE CURRIE, and FREDERICK ARTHUR CURRIE, the Executrix and the Executors named in the said Will. All persons having any Claims against the Estate of the said deceased are required to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned at Puckawidgee, aforesaid, within such fourteen days as aforesaid; and all Notices may be served at the Office of the undersigned. F. A. CURRIE, Proctor for the Executrix and Executors, Sanger-street, Corowa. By his Sydney Agents, HOUSTON and CO., Solicitors, No. 10 O'Connell-street.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SARAH HENDERSON, late of Ashfield, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts of the Executors in the above Estate have this day been filed in my Office, Supreme Court-house, Chancery-square, Sydney. And all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said Office on or before the nineteenth day of May next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this twenty-eighth day of April, 1908. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. RUSSELL and RUSSELL, Proctors for the Executors, 279B George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARGARET CAMPBELL, late of Brundah, near Grenfell, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM ALEXANDER ROBINSON, of Grenfell, in the said State, Merchant, the sole Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. All persons having any claims against the Estate of the said deceased are requested to immediately furnish particulars thereof to the undersigned. FREDERICK CROMMELIN, Proctor for the Applicant, Main-street, Grenfell. By his Agents, ELLIS and BUTTON, Solicitors, 84 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HENRY SIMPSON, late of 29 Cowper-street, Marrickville, in the State of New South Wales, Fishmonger, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration with the Will annexed of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CAROLINE AUGUSTA SIMPSON, the Widow of deceased and Sole Beneficiary named in the said Will; and all notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. CAROLINE AUGUSTA SIMPSON, 29 Cowper-street, Marrickville.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM BUDD, late of Cobar, in the State of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CAROLINE DAVIES, of Wrightsville (wife of John Davies, Mine Manager), the mother of the said deceased; and all Notices may be served at the Office of the undersigned. WILLIAM JOSEPH HOGAN, Solicitor for Administratrix, Barton-street, Cobar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of DAVID HALL, late of Drummoyne, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to DAVID HALL, the Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the Office of the undersigned, to whom all Creditors are required to send in particulars of their claims within the time above limited. ALFRED SYDNEY BOULTON, Proctor for Executor, Bull's-chambers, 14 Moore-street, Sydney.

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THE WEEK IN LONDON.

AN AUSTRALIAN'S NOTES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The Duke of Devonshire.

LONDON, March 27.

The death of the Duke of Devonshire has removed one who in his day ranked high among the strong personalities of the political world, and whose influence upon the opinion of those by whom he was known continued to the end. Mr. Balfour, on Tuesday last, in a singularly fine speech, in the House of Commons, said that "in his death the whole public life of England has diminished in dignity, and has suffered a loss which it is impossible in our time it can ever wholly repair." The press of England prints column after column of respectful eulogy upon "this last survivor of the heroic age," as Mr. Asquith puts it. In the autumn of last year grave symptoms of heart disease necessitated his wintering abroad. On Tuesday morning last he died suddenly, at Cannes, just as he was preparing to return to England. Eminently one of those men who triumph not so much by qualities that make for brilliancy as by those of transparent honesty and uprightness of character, powerful personality, and unyielding determination, his loss to England is that of a strong man, esteemed on all sides, and not least by those who were never in political agreement with him. As a social figure, the Duke of Devonshire was of course one of the greatest personages in the land. The princely entertainer of royalty and the owner of some 180,000 acres of estate, his palatial seats at Chatsworth, and those at Bolton Priory, Hardwick, and Lismore, and his seaside retreat at Eastbourne, are among the finest in England. His town house in Piccadilly, with its well-known walled front, is, like so much of London, unattractive without, magnificent within. Its wonderful saloons and drawing-rooms are filled with masterpieces of art and costly treasures of many kinds. At Chatsworth, alone, he maintained a small army of servants. At this great estate the Devonshires have entertained royalty from Mary Queen of Scots onward, and King Edward and the late Duke were close friends.

"Armed Australia."

The "Times" military correspondent, Colonel Repington, recognised here as a high expert authority, has an article this week, headed as above, on the subject of Mr. Deakin's army proposals. He is strongly of opinion that the scheme deserves success, and he bewails the absence of a similar scheme in England, whereby English boys could be caught, between the ages of 13 and 18, for the purpose of manly training, and so become "the pride of the country, instead of being, as at present, unkempt, slack, round-shouldered, lounging, and debauched." "Deakinise the Haldane scheme," says the writer, "and what more is needed?" The anti-militarism policy of England finds no favour with this expert, and he is glad to think that "Australia has not to contend with the superannuated tomfoolery" of which it is the outcome. He believes, however, that "one day the mood will come to us, and Australia, maybe, will inspire it." He looks forward to the advent of some statesman "who will be able to move the great inert masses of the people and win, as Mr. W. M. Hughes (as secretary of the National Defence League) has won, their swift, whole-hearted, patriotic support." The article concludes with some lashing sentences on the poverty of contemporary English statesmanship. Although one may doubt whether there is yet any tangible evidence of the whole-hearted support of Mr. Deakin's scheme mentioned by the writer, and although, further, the article is obviously directed, first and foremost, against the Haldane scheme of the Liberal Government, Australians must needs rub their eyes at finding themselves the object of a two-column eulogy in the "Times"—or in any lesser English journal, for that matter. It is rare indeed.

A Great By-Election.

The Peckham by-election, decided this week, will be long remembered as one of the most strenuously fought on record. Peckham is on the outskirts of London. It was for years a certain Conservative seat, but when the Liberals swept the polls at the last general election Peckham was one of their many triumphs, and the seat was won by a 2000 majority. This week, after a tremendous hand to hand fight, that result has been reversed, for the Conservative candidate routed his opponent with a majority of more than 2000. The fierceness of the fight was incredible. For days Peckham was in a state of upheaval. In a single week, 1000 speeches were delivered. Prominent men of both camps assisted the combatants, and the ubiquitous suffragists took a hand in the melee. But the struggle really centred round the new Licensing Bill. This was the first election since its introduction, and the storm of opposition which it has excited throughout the country focussed itself on Peckham and the Old Kent-road. The "trade" is said to have spent £8000 on the election, and the new member, who happens to be a total abstainer, had the doubtful satisfaction of taking his seat in the House the other day amid cries of "Glorious beer." The declaration of the poll was the signal for extraordinary scenes. Four hundred thousand people were in the streets, and for hours the locality was given up to a riot of enthusiasm. Ministers have accepted the result as a thrown gauntlet. They have proclaimed their intention to stand or fall by the Licensing Bill. They admit having been defeated in the first skirmish, but they will see it through.

The Drury-Lane Fire.

"Drury Lane's burnt down!" The disaster fell upon London with a shock that effaced even the excitement of the Peckham election result. People stopped in the street to convey the news to one another. Passengers seated upon each other in omnibuses crowded throughout a hopelessly wet day, murmured it in sad tones. It was an incessant accompaniment of the midday meal in thousands of restaurants. The hatless hundreds of young clerks who brave any weather rather than wear head-gear during their luncheon-hour strolled in the streets of the city, revived old memories, and deplored the catastrophe. Drury Lane, in which term, of course, the thoroughfare so named is merged in the historic theatre, was the central interest of the day. Ninety-nine years ago Old Drury was gutted. That was the historic occasion when the ruined Richard Brinsley Sheridan, having vainly begged the House of Commons not to adjourn out of sympathy with him, sat within view of the raging flames, drinking with a friend urging in excuse, that "it was hard if a man could not take a glass of wine by his own fireside!" This week's disaster, however, turned out much less serious, and Londoners breathe again. The value of the safety curtain and the light roof, was proved unmistakably, for by means of the one the auditorium remained untouched, and the other allowed the mass of flame that consumed the stage and its accessories to leap straight up as through a chimney. The magnificent auditorium remains unscathed. The vast stage, dressing and property rooms, scenery, and the tons of mechanical appliances that make a Drury Lane production the marvel it is are in ruins. The damage is estimated at many thousands of pounds. It is a great loss, but had there been no fire-proof curtain the stately national theatre would be a heap of ashes to-day. As it is, forthcoming productions are indefinitely postponed. The spectacular and mechanical glories thereof will have to be resuscitated as time allows. The historic site has now seen three conflagrations. The first occurred in 1672, the second, the "Sheridan" debacle, in 1809. Rebuilt, and reopened with a prologue by Lord Byron in 1812, it has been free of the peril of fire until this week.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

OUR STATE SYSTEM.

MUNICIPALISM AT WORK.

THE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION.

The names of the members of the Royal Commission on Sydney improvement have been published. It is mainly a gathering of officials, which is the weak point about its selection. The Government has apparently proceeded on the assumption that the holders of certain offices must be the fittest persons for the positions. The ex-officio theory will not always bear the test of examination. But though it is a rule of thumb method of appointment, the result is not unsatisfactory. It happens, fortunately, that the office-holders are a remarkably suitable body of men when regarded individually. To begin with, it is a fortunate circumstance that the Commission was appointed in Mr. Thomas Hughes's mayoral year. Mr. Hughes is probably the best-equipped of office-holders for the task which the members of the Commission will have to perform. He has travelled, is widely read in the ever-growing literature on the subject of effective city government, has had a large practical experience, and holds strong views of a most progressive character. The fact that he is a native of Sydney does not make it less likely that he will seize this splendid opportunity and use it to the utmost to secure the future of his much-neglected and planless native city.

SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE.

Mr. Fosbery's administrative experience will be of great value. No member of the Commission is more receptive or practical than he. He is known to hold advanced views on city government, and the necessities of the situation are so strong as to appeal directly to his practical knowledge of affairs. A high State official, who for fifty years of office was hampered by a mesh of red tape, he has a most wholesome contempt for it. Contempt for existing methods will be a valuable asset for the Commission. Mr. Hickson, of the Harbour Trust, has seen the great cities of the world within the past year, and looked at them with the special eye of an expert and with a view to the improvement of the harbour. His appointment is a most suitable one, and his knowledge of the very latest developments of waterside city improvement will be invaluable to the Commission.

PIONEERS NOT REQUIRED.

Mr. John Wheeler's name has not been associated with improvement schemes; but he has a large municipal experience, and he is pledged to the Greater Sydney Scheme, which shows that he takes a broader view of the civic destinies of Sydney than is usually held by the collective suburban aldermanic mind, with a few bright exceptions. The presidents of the Master Builders' Association and the Institute of Architects may be invaluable men on the Commission. Their professional position assures their representative status, but gives no guarantee of special knowledge or special enthusiasm. The mention of the Institute of Architects reminds the public of the intelligent pioneer work of men like Mr. John Barlow, Mr. Sulman, and Mr. Varney Parkes. It is a pity that their names—or one of them—were not added to that of the president.

COMBINING THE TWIN CITY.

Mr. Norman Selfe brings weight to the Commission in a most important side of its work—the question of bridge connection and improved communication generally between the outlying component parts of the great city of to-day, which will be continuations of the greater city of 20 years hence. This is one of the most pressing problems of a modern city, especially a twin city like Sydney. In fact, communication is one of the central problems of civic improvement. Sir James Graham will be of great service from the public health side—another most important feature of the inquiry. Mr. M'Gowen has hitherto shown very scanty interest in the subject of civic improvement or civic government. But this will be an opportunity, perhaps the first the Labour leader has had, of realising the vital importance to the workers of city improvement, including, as it does, the destruction of slums, the better housing of the people, and the introduction of country conditions into city life. Several members of the Labour party who have taken a keen interest in civic progress could be named, such, for example, as Mr. J. C. Watson, Mr. W. M. Hughes, and Mr. Hector Lamond. Any of these would have been equipped at any rate with a preliminary interest in the subject.

THE IDEALISTS AND ARTISTS.

In the United States they have paid great attention to city improvement of recent years. Their plan of Washington—designed by L'Enfant, a French officer, with the new ideas of the Revolution—has begun to inspire the other great cities of the Republic of the West. There they have developed a specialist who is a kind of amalgam of architect, landscape gardener, and engineer. Such a one is Mr. Burnham, who goes about the world planning cities. He planned Manila, our near neighbour, and San Francisco after the fire. He has been associated with the late Augustus St. Gaudens, the famous New York sculptor, in the Washington Improvement Commission, which visited Europe and investigated the whole subject. A copy of their report would be invaluable to the Sydney Commission. Mr. Burnham, no doubt, like Moltke, has only to be awakened and asked for a plan of Sydney, and he will murmur "Third portfolio to the left," and go to sleep again. His plan of San Francisco would no doubt be of the greatest possible usefulness to the Sydney Commission, as it deals with a city similar in topographical conformation to Sydney. Visitors are struck with the resemblance in many respects of the two cities of the North and South Pacific "slopes."

A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

Mr. Henry Gorman has a specially intimate knowledge of the growth and expansion of the city and suburbs. It can easily be seen that his knowledge will be of the greatest value to the Commission. As he is one of the selections outside the official men, his appointment is an evidence of some care having been exercised in the selection. This somewhat rebuts the theory advanced above that offices were considered and not men. A few names out of many suggest themselves as likely to strengthen the Commission. Mr. Cardew, whose able paper on municipal engineering was read at a recent meeting of the Engineering Section of the Royal Society; Mr. Julian Ashton, an artist of repute; and Mr. Knibbs, Federal Statistician, if he could be spared, would all bring certain special qualifications which would be of great assistance in forwarding the important work of the commission.

INAUGURATING A GRE T MOVEMENT.

The appointment of this Commission inaugurates the first great movement in Australia in the direction of modernising the plan of the city. The Commission is not specially charged with an oversight of the means of civic government available on the larger area, but it cannot escape an investigation of them, because no city improvement schemes can be carried out on sound lines without a reform of the governing authorities of the city. Another Government board to deal specially with city improvement, added to the numerous, conflicting, and, on the whole, helpless bodies at present working on the area, would only make confusion worse confounded. The Commission therefore will hardly shirk the fullest measure of its inquiry because it might happen to collide with sectional susceptibilities, or run counter to preconceived ideas as to the eternal nature of certain petty dignities. There has been too much consideration given hitherto to these petty interests, and too little to the combined interests of the whole of Sydney. The great city of Sydney, with its enormous and increasing commercial and industrial needs, must no longer be "cribb'd, cabin'd, and confin'd" by any obstructions of an ornamental or dignified kind.

A PROFESSIONAL COMMISSION.

The work being thus of the gravest importance must not be "scamped." For this reason it is almost a pity that a professional commission has not been appointed, with a proper provision for payment, and prepared to give up the whole of their time to the important work. Such a commission would not be discharged from office on the mere signing and presentation of a report. Its work, like that of the Boston Commission, should be continuous, and its plans should be made a century ahead of possible realisation, in order that the great city should, like a child, be "trained up in the way it should go," and that the defects of the central zones should be corrected in the fast-spreading suburban districts. It is too much to hope that a commission which can only give odd hours to the work, and will probably only give intermittent attendances, can do the work thoroughly. But the gentlemen appointed will, the citizens are sure, do all that can be done in the time and with the means at their disposal. It would be the greatest of pities if it merited, by perfunctory operations, an application of the inscription in a Western American music-hall, "Do not shoot at the pianist. He is doing his best."

INVITE MR. BURNHAM.

If an enthusiast's suggestion is of any value it might be proposed that the Commission should not separate before an invitation is extended to Mr. Burnham, of the Washington Commission, to visit Sydney, and report on city improvement. The cost would not be more than £500, and the time lost by Mr. Burnham need not exceed three months. Thus his visit might become a part and parcel of the "American invasion" which we are shortly about to welcome. Mr. Burnham is the foremost city improvement expert of the world. He has visited every city in Europe and the United States and the East on this special duty of planning improvement schemes for certain cities, including the capital city of the American Commonwealth, Washington. His plans for the improvement of Manila are gradually being worked out. There he had to deal with a huddled city—worse than Sydney in that respect. His sea front improvements, his treatment of the old Spanish walled city and the moat, when seen by the present writer two years ago, gave promise of making a sweeping alteration in one of the worst cities in the East. He ought to be invited, either by the Commission, the Government, or even by the City Council.

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THE RATING CONTROVERSY.

The useful controversy on rating continues with unabated public interest. The main point in dispute is as to what is the nature of "value" for the purpose of rating land. A great many letters have been written to the press upon this subject, and much ingenuity has been used in construing the meaning of value for rating purposes. The subject happily had long been under consideration by expert officials. It is known that Mr. T. A. Coghlan, now Agent-General for New South Wales, gave a good deal of attention to the matter, and the result of his and other expert opinion has been embodied in statutory form, thus, so far as possible, leaving nothing to chance. The disputations of the metaphysicians who have been threshing out the matter of abstract "value" in the correspondence columns of the press, must avail little when brought to the test of a statutory section.

DEFINING VALUE.

It was necessary in the measure to make arbitrary definitions of value. Take the definition of the "unimproved capital value." There several problems had to be solved. There was the ordinary case of unoccupied land, in its "prairie" state, perhaps even unenclosed. According to the metaphysicians referred to, such land had no value at all—it was valueless (for taxation or any other purposes). Some people still make that claim for suburban lots near Sydney. But the draftsmen of the Act had to take into consideration the benefit which was being conferred on the land by the growth of settlement, and by the gradual spread of municipal services towards the unoccupied allotments, and the bringing of them within the operation of the law of increasing sale values.

UNIMPROVED VALUE.

"The unimproved capital value of land" (of this class of land), says the Act, section 132, "is the amount of the capital sum for which the fee simple estate in such land would sell, under such reasonable conditions of sale as a bona-fide seller would require, assuming the actual improvements (if any) had not been made; and also allowing a reasonable deduction for profitable expenditure by the owner or occupier on visible and effective improvements, which, although not upon the land, have been constructed for its drainage, for its prevention from inundation, or otherwise for its more beneficial use." This is plain enough, and every competent valuer will have no difficulty with it. It leaves the region of the abstract, and fixes the measure of value for municipal taxation purposes. It is a good working method, which serves, although, no doubt, abstract economists could find a thousand flaws in it.

ARBITRARY CLASSIFICATIONS.

The section proceeds then to make definition of the unimproved value of (1) a mine of coal or shale, (2) a mine situate on Crown land, and held from the Crown under a gold-mining, gold-digging, or other mineral or mining lease or license or mineral holding (except for coal or shale mining); (3) a mine situate on land other than Crown land as defined in the Crown Lands Act of 1884; (4) where any part of a mine is under the sea, or under the tidal waters of any estuary of a harbour; (5) where a mine is situated partly in one area and partly in another or others. These are arbitrary ways of fixing approximate values for municipal ratings, and admirably serve their purpose. Finally there is the "improved capital value," which "is the amount of the capital sum for which the fee simple estate of the land, with all improvements and buildings thereon, would sell under such reasonable conditions of sale as a bone-fide seller would require."

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SOCIALISM V. TRADES UNIONISM.

ATTITUDE OF THE LABOUR CONGRESS.

LABOUR MEMBERS GRATIFIED.

Much satisfaction is expressed by responsible members of the Labour party in Parliament with the refusal of the Labour Congress to assent to the proposal that the preamble and constitution of the Industrial Workers of the World should be adopted as the basis of Labour organisation in Australia. The proposal was a purely socialistic one, and its defeat by the large majority of 55 to 23 followed by cheers for the Labour party is regarded as a most promising sign for the future welfare of the trade union movement.

Mr. Trefle, M.L.A., said yesterday that the attitude of congress towards the socialist objective would be noted with the utmost satisfaction throughout all the democratic centres of the interior. Personally he welcomed the frank and open attitude of the uncompromising socialists who voted with the minority. They were the vanguard of the political explorers—enthusiasts who had become impatient with the slow progress made against the economic and social evils of the past and present, but who committed the error of trying to make progress by great leaps and bounds instead of step by step. The human mind was incapable of reaching very far ahead of what was known to it. Every student of history knew that valuable and permanent reforms generally were given to the world by instalments. The builders of the Great Eastern in 1852 failed because they tried to reach their objective before they had discovered and surmounted the difficulties that lay hidden between what they knew and what they desired. Not only did they fail but they actually delayed the arrival of the 20,000 and 30,000 ton ships of to-day. So with the ardent socialist. He was merely putting his goal further off by asking the world to take a leap in the future without regard to consequence. The goal the socialist aimed at might yet be reached, but by quite another road to that now proposed. The political democrat would continue to advance step by step, and to work upon safe lines for the uplifting of the masses. While it was a noble and inspiring idea to look forward to great things that might be achieved for the benefit of future generations, it was much more practical to do our best for the present and rising generation while paving the way for further and greater efforts in the future.

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HAWKESBURY COLLEGE.

DIPLOMA DAY.

SPEECH BY MR. PERRY.

"ELEVATORS MUST COME."

The Minister for Agriculture attended the Hawkesbury Agricultural College yesterday for the first time since he became Minister for Agriculture, and presented the diplomas and prizes won at last year's examinations. He invited a number of the friends of the students to be present, as well as members of Parliament, and the consequence was that the 9 a.m. train was double its usual length, and well filled at that.

After an inspection of the lecture hall, the laboratories, and other offices, luncheon was served, and the grounds, the herbarium, the orchard, the cultivation plots, and other departments were visited.

The ceremony of presenting the diplomas began at 2 o'clock, the Minister for Agriculture presiding.

Mr. H. W. Potts, Principal of the College, welcomed Mr. Perry, and presaged for his administration of the Agricultural Department the measure of success which he had achieved when head of the Education Department. The progress of the college during the year had been satisfactory, the number of diplomas gained equalling in number those gained during the previous year. He had hoped that it would have been greater, but the fact was that last year the Hawkesbury district was visited by a drought unexampled in its history, and the students had not had an opportunity of carrying out some of the practical work. Fortunately, the season had changed, and a good deal of practical work was being done. There were 14 diplomas, 19 first-class certificates, and other prizes for presentation. The discipline had been good; the general tone of the institution was steadily improving. One thing that he would like to impress upon parents was the necessity for their sons going through the full course. The man who held a diploma was the better farmer for it. (Applause.) The munificence of the proprietors of the "Sydney Morning Herald" and "Sydney Mail," in granting two bursaries, each of the value of £40 a year, was an earnest of their public spirit. (Applause.) The Education Department was now introducing scholarships from the continuation school at Hurlstone, and the students from there would have the benefit of two years' preliminary training before entering upon their duties at the college. Formerly there were half a dozen bursaries available annually for country lads for admission to the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, but the last two or three years these had been allowed to drop. He hoped the Minister would see that they were restored. As to the lighter side of college life—the sporting side—the institution had sent a team to the rifle matches last October, and it was very successful. The Defence Department had erected a range for them, and there were 126 students enrolled in the rifle club. Last year there were 58 "efficients" from the club, and this year there would be, he believed, 80 per cent. of the total number of members. The fact that so many of their students were members of the rifle club, and had made themselves efficient, was an index that they were prepared to take their part in the defence of the country should the necessity arise. (Hear, hear.) The college team last October won the Hoad Silver Cup, the Governor Rawson Cup, the Governor Duff Cup, and returned from the matches winners of 58 sovereigns. (Cheers.) There were also football, cricket, and other clubs connected with the college.

Mr. Perry, referring to Mr. Potts's remark that this was the first time he had visited the Hawkesbury College in his official capacity, said it was by no means the first time he had been there. He had in fact visited the site before there was one stone of the buildings laid, and had condemned it on the ground that the soil was too poor. However, it was chosen, and in one respect it was very useful, because it showed what knowledge could do in making even poor soil productive. In that respect its work had been invaluable. (Hear, hear.) Young men who had been through the college in the past were now amongst our most successful farmers. In the institution everything was given of the best, because they must always progress; they could never stand still. He was determined, as long as he was Minister of Agriculture, to spend money in keeping up its standard, not lavishly, but wisely and liberally. (Hear, hear.) It was right that the best in implements should be used at the colleges because the Government with its long purse could afford to do a great deal more than private persons could, and, if a new implement that would do double the work of an old one with half the labour were introduced, it was right that it should be used, because it reduced cost, and also was useful for the farmers to know that it was worthy of trial. That did not mean that every implement that was brought under notice would be purchased, but that its merits would be investigated. He was determined that as long as he was head of the department the best that could be obtained, whether in teachers or in other directions, should be got. (Students' applause.) In an Agricultural Department he took it there were two aspects to be considered—the practical and the scientific. The scientific included the experimental, and in that it was of course impossible to make the department pay, because there was a good deal to be undertaken from which they could expect no return. But he hoped the practical side of the farms would yield results which would help to pay for the experiment. He need only remind the meeting that the experiments carried out by the late Mr. William Farrer had not cost the country a great deal, but the results which had already flowed from that gentleman's work had added enormously to the wealth of the State and of Australia. There must continue to be progression, because without it there would be retrogression. The Hawkesbury College was established in 1891, and the first year it had 22 students. The second year there were 50, and by the end of the fourth year there were 100, and since then the buildings had been increased, until to-day the college contained more accommodation than the Dookie Agricultural College in Victoria, the Gatton College in Queensland, and the Roseworthy College in South Australia, combined could afford. He intended to institute travelling experimental work, and to do a good deal more when next year's estimates were passed. Railway facilities should be provided for men to go on the land, and in this regard he said unhesitatingly that the present system of carrying farm produce would have to be recast. The elevator system would have to come. (Cheers.)

The diplomas and prizes were then presented as follow:—

DIPLOMAS, 1907.—R. G. May, dux of college; W. L. Waterhouse, A. B. Goard, C. P. Van der Merwe, S. G. C. Knibbs, H. D. Barlow, O. L. Gosling, R. L. C. Royle, J. N. Whittet, G. S. Galloway, S. N. Smith, R. J. Thompson, H. E. Wren, H. A. Scott, H. H. Ross, D. K. Forsyth, A. R. Gosing, J. J. Gillies, R. D. Owen, R. Squire, L. J. M. Terras.

FIRST YEAR CLASS, 1907.—F. Ditzell, J. Middleton, R. W. M'Diarmid, G. A. Young, H. Bartlett, J. M. Hyndes, H. K. Chapman, A. G. Farleigh, V. F. Ridge, W. S. Farmer, E. P. Brendson, G. O. Dorward, F. S. C. Finlay, R. C. Suttor, F. E. Ward, H. H. Schlapp, H. Rogers, R. S. Lindeman, E. L. Rabbitts.

PRACTICAL STUDENTS.—T. B. M'Leod, A. Frater, W. F. Espenhahn.

SPECIAL STUDENTS, 1907.—Special dairy class (January to June session).—C. G. F. Grant, F. R. Lockwood, R. G. Moore.

PIGGERY CLASS (certificates).—E. W. Capper, H. J. Donohue, J. A. Whiteman, T. Roche, N. H. Shaw, D. de L. Moffatt, D. Newell.

ORCHARD CLASS (certificates).—R. J. Benton, W. D. Brooks.

POULTRY CLASS (certificate).—E. P. Keatinge.

FARM CLASS (certificates).—M. H. Wells, W. J. M'Callum.

DAIRY CLASS (certificates).—F. P. Lockwood, R. G. Johnson, R. G. Moore, A. N. Doyle, E. J. R. Heath, T. Magney, O. L. Evers, A. G. M. Sullivan, R. B. Hedley, St. G. A. Gore, K. M. Toose.

ROCK-CHOPPING AND DAY LABOUR.

At the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday Alderman Meagher brought forward a resolution to the effect that special provision be made in the carrying out of the board's works where rock-choppers and sewer miners are employed for full and adequate ventilation, and for the prohibition of the use of a certain explosive, and the substitution therefor of other explosives, and that in view of the extensive character of the board's works and the satisfactory instances of the use of day labour in reference thereto, the system be fully adopted in water and sewerage extensions. He contended that the rock-choppers, since the concessions were granted to them, were worked "closer up" to one another's heels than before, and that the ventilation could be improved. The first part of the resolution was dealt with first, and it was decided that the Engineer-in-Chief should report on the whole question.

In support of the day labour system, Alderman Meagher said that during the past two years a number of works had been carried out by day labour, and in every case, except one, it was done cheaper. The Railway Commissioners were carrying out all their work by day labour, as were the Harbour Trust; and in the electricity department of the City Council better and cheaper work was being done by their own workmen than was done by Henley, the contractor, in trenches and cable laying, and the men were constantly increasing in efficiency.

Mr. Garrard said the board had not had sufficient experience of the system to adopt it for their works generally. He would like to see that all legitimate charges were made against the day labour system, such as cost of supervision, proportion of office expenses, and such like. After some further discussion, the consideration of the matter was postponed for a fortnight.

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WARING.—April 28, at 181 Queen's Gate, Kensington, London, the wife of Harold Waring—a daughter.

DEATHS.

BEHRENS.—April 25, at his late residence, 454 Cleveland-street, Surry Hills, Charles Behrens, aged 56, suddenly, of heart failure.

EDGAR.—April 29, at Queen Victoria-street, Bexley, Jessie Cairns, wife of Rev. R. Edgar.

FROUDE.—April 14, at Cessnock, the wife of H. H. Froude, late of Balmain. Deeply mourned.

HENEY.—April 29, 1908, at her residence, Halebank, Tupper-street, Marrickville, suddenly, Sarah Elizabeth, widow of Thomas William Heney, formerly of Cooma.

McGOLRICK.—April 28, at her mother's residence, Erceldean, Balmoral-avenue, Croydon Park, after years of suffering, Edith McGolrick, eldest daughter of Hannah and the late Michael Kelly, late of Carisbrooke, Norton-street, Leichhardt. At rest.

O'DONNELL.—At his residence, Robinson-street, Granville, Timothy Thomas O'Donnell, aged 83 years. By special request, no flowers.

QUAYLE.—April 29, at her late residence, 8 Cavendish-street, Enmore, Mary Annie Harriett, widow of the late Captain Phillip Quayle, aged 67 years. By request, no flowers.

SMITH.—April 28, through accident, Walter Alexander Smith, M. Inst. C.E., Public Works Department, Sydney.

TYERMAN.—April 29, at Ercildoune, Holt-street, Stanmore, Luke Langdale Tyerman.

WADDELL.—April 28, 1908, at Nevada, Macleay-street, Fanny Elizabeth, wife of Colonel G. W. Waddell.

IN MEMORIAM.

BARR.—In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, William, who was accidentally killed at Orange April 30, 1907. Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers. Though lost to sight to memory dear. For ever with the Lord.

CONNORS.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband, Kerian Joseph Connors, who was accidentally killed at Redfern on April 30, 1900. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving wife, Adelaide Elizabeth Connors.

FOWLER.—In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Ernest Edward Fowler, who departed this life 30th of April, 1907, aged 19 years 5 months. Inserted by his loving mother and brother Fred. and family. Your memory dwells within the hearts of those who knew your worth.

HEYLAN.—In loving memory of our beloved father, Thomas Heylan, who departed this life April 30, 1903. Inserted by his loving sons, James, Bert, and Edward. R.I.P.

LYNCH.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Josephine Lynch, who died at her residence, Surry Hills, on the 30th April, 1906. R.I.P. Inserted by her loving son, Thomas.

M'PHERSON.—In fond remembrance of George M'Pherson, of Aberdeen, Scotland, who died April 30, 1907. Inserted by his loving wife, Louie M'Pherson.

RAINFORD.—In sad but loving memory of James Henry Rainford, who departed this life on April 30, 1906. Inserted by his loving wife, Sarah, and two sons, James and Ernest. Gone, but not forgotten.

RILEY.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Ethel Riley, who departed this life April 30, 1907. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Maud and J. M. Wholohan.

SHARMAN.—In loving memory of Walter Sharman, who died 30th April, 1907. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

SULLIVAN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, John Sullivan, who departed this life May 1, 1904. May his soul rest in peace. Inserted by his loving wife and son, Catherine and Richard Sullivan.

THORPE.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife and our dear mother, Mary Thorpe, who departed this life at her residence, Campbell-street, St. Peters, on April 30, 1903, in her 40th year. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."—Matt. 5 ch., 8 verse. A tribute of affection from her husband, John Thorpe, and her children, Johnnie, Blanche, Willie, Freddie, and Albie.

THORP.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, who departed this life April 30, 1903, in her 40th year. Inserted by her loving brothers and sisters, father, and mother, Mary and Thomas Linton. Five years have passed, and still to memory dear.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1908.

A DANGEROUS POLICY.

The conference of Premiers in Melbourne marked time yesterday. The business of the conference in its essence is finance. The Premiers and their colleagues are discussing the Braddon clause and the taking over of the State debts in continued informal sittings outside the conference, and the attitude of the Federal Government is engrossing attention where men are sufficiently aware of the importance of the whole business, but the official Federal recognition of the conference still tarries. The scheme for which the Premiers are waiting does not emerge from Sir William Lyne's despatch-box, if it is there at all. The Prime Minister and his colleagues have been conspicuous by their absence from the conference functions, and though Mr. Deakin appears to have lunched informally with the Premiers, and there is to be a banquet given by the Commonwealth to the States, the conference itself can hardly yet be said to have begun. It has no place, of course, in either the State or the Federal Constitution. There has been sufficient reminder of the fact in the past, and in the abstract the Premiers have nothing to grumble about. But in concrete experience they are kept upon the Federal door-mat, and the position is a sufficiently humiliating one. We should be the first under other conditions to urge upon the State Premiers the need for patience, and a readiness to pocket affronts if the larger hope were possible. They have to come to terms with the Commonwealth, and the sooner the better. The longer the settlement of the Braddon clause is left the worse must be their plight, and they cannot afford to pick and choose their steps. Nor can they venture, until the last hope is sacrificed, to do anything which will appear to throw the union into the crucible once again.

The interview we publish this morning with Mr. Kidston indicates the line along which the protest of the States is likely to make itself felt. We give this prominence to the attitude of the Premier of Queensland, because no chain is stronger than its weakest link, and the Premiers' Conference will be no longer representative—it will certainly be no longer a body capable of coming to some reasonable arrangement with the Federal Government—if it loses one of its units. Mr. Kidston is not accompanied by a colleague, and if he withdraws, Queensland will not be at the conference. It is true that Mr. Leahy, Speaker of the Queensland Assembly, will be in Melbourne, and he could perhaps discuss a proffered scheme of reform with some measure of authority; but the Queensland Government would not be in evidence. Mr. Kidston is apparently sceptical about the work of the present conference in its relation to the great problems of State finance, and if something worth discussing is not forthcoming almost immediately he will probably move that the debate upon the Braddon clause and the taking over of the debts be indefinitely postponed. We can quite understand the dilemma in which Mr. Wade and the other Premiers find themselves. They are ready to discuss essential questions with the Prime Minister and the Federal Treasurer, to make concessions, and if necessary to give promises of sufficient weight. The way is open for a final settlement of the outstanding difficulties, except that the Commonwealth Government is unready. Its masters, the Labour party, have no use for the States, and openly discuss an amendment of the Constitution which shall bring unification by short cuts. Hence the gravity of the situation; hence also the significance of a possible breakaway on the part of Queensland from the conference in Melbourne, with its chances of unprofitable development in the future.

ARMED AUSTRALIA.

If the military preparations of the Commonwealth do not soon threaten the diplomatic peace of Europe it will not be the fault of eminent but misguided persons, who persist in treating Mr. Deakin's National Guards as though they were already bivouacked on the field of battle. Much prominence has been given by the "Times" to these proposals, because they make a bold enough outline on paper, and afford an opportunity to clamour for someone to "Deakinise Haldane"—the unfortunate Mr. Haldane's own warlike schemes being near enough for the flaws to show. The military correspondent of the journal now takes up the running, and drawing his information from the memorandum of January last is filled with enthusiasm for Mr. Deakin's wisdom and greatness. He describes what he calls the genesis of the movement in favour of compulsory training, he describes how our lamentable deficiencies have brought into being a defence league whose organ has an extraordinary circulation, and he declares that the speeches of Mr. Deakin and Mr. Hughes have been "a revelation to many, and an education to all." He does give a fairly correct summary of the memorandum referred to, but he seems to imagine that it only needs the touch of a magic wand to call the system into being. Cadet training, one would imagine, had already nearly become universal and compulsory, though we do learn that further details are deferred "in view of the prior necessities for the creation of a large force actually available." Alas for the deferred payment system in political promises—we know how little is its present worth. But at a distance, and to eyes that carefully avoid criticism, the National Guard looks splendid; while in the collateral organisation of volunteer reserves "the patriotism of all ardent citizens may find full scope." Moreover, we are as democratic as bold, for among us it seems that no one is debarred from becoming an officer by reason of his social position!

This taking for granted a scheme that a little inquiry would show could be riddled in detail, and that is obviously grossly impracticable financially, is mildly amusing, but it is also decidedly misleading. For instance, we hear that provision has been made for Australia to be self-sufficing in ammunition and small arms, and it is understood that "the vehicles in use in the country" will be quite adequate for transport purposes. In a few years we shall have 800,000 men ready to serve, and about a tenth of that number in annual training. There will only be one establishment—that of war. Not until the end of the article are doubts raised that all this actually exists only on paper; and then we are told that "a majority of the Commonwealth Government is said to favour the plan, and the Parliament is apparently also won over to the good cause which gains friends at every election and every debate." Broad, comprehensive, democratic, modern are the only adjectives that occur to our critic to describe the life military in Australia, and we are assured that once it is carried the scheme will give Mr. Deakin "imperishable renown." Mr. Hughes has no less, according to the "Times," won our swift, whole-hearted, and patriotic support; so presumably his renown will be imperishable also. Alas for the frailty of human greatness, the military gentleman did not know that the Deakin Government is living from hand to mouth; nay, actually under threat of reconstruction. We do take defence seriously. We should be criminally foolish did we not. But we take it so seriously that we demand practicable schemes wherein utility outweighs grandiloquence. Australia has not concurred, and is not likely to concur, in universal compulsory service in the near future, if only because the financial burden would be well-nigh impossible. But we are keenly alive to our position, and we do want to do all that we can to meet it. And it is no doubt true, as the "Times" points out, that we have lived beyond those narrow and prejudiced views that see the threat of an unholy militarism in any nation that prepares itself for war.

JAPANESE FINANCE.

The cabled statement that the revenue of Japan is £7,000,000 above the estimate, and that large saving has been made in expenditure, is evidence that a rather difficult financial corner is being successfully negotiated. Japanese domestic politics are a puzzle which the Western mind can hardly fathom, not so much because of the intricacy of the motives as because of the peculiarities of "constitutional" government, as understood in Japan. Behind the form of representative institutions, which have not yet developed party government in any real sense, we have a reality which is thoroughly Oriental, and which permits the guiding power to remain in the hands of the "elder statesmen," of whom Prince Ito is a type. The career of a Finance Minister thus meets complications over and above natural difficulties that are great enough. In the fever of exaltation that remained as the legacy of peace with Russia, there began a forward movement that was obviously lacking in ballast, and that prophesied all the well-known symptoms of coming financial crisis. The budget pledged the country to an immense programme of both productive and unproductive works, which called for heavy appropriations in excess of normal revenue; though it was by no means clear where the money was to come from. In the then mood of industrial and commercial buoyancy there seemed no need to ask. But a year later, in the autumn of 1907, when this year's budget had to be drafted, the reaction had already begun. The Finance Minister found he was unable to float bonds at home, even for reproductive work, and he further found it impossible to finance with Treasury bills and note issue. Something like a halt had to be called.

At all events, the programme had to be cut down. Curtailment of military expenditure was an obvious way of relief—but here the Emperor's veto was met. It says not a little for Japanese statesmanship, and especially for the sound counsels available outside the Cabinet, that a working compromise was effected, though not without some increase in indirect taxation. The result seems to have been successful, but rapid expansion will continue, no doubt, to make Japanese financing a delicate operation. That expansion justifies itself, but it is not made without danger. In 1873 there were, for instance, only 18 miles of railroad in Japan. Now there are over 5000 miles, and the Government, in theory rightly enough, determined that railways should be a national asset. But just now this burden is proving too heavy; especially since heavy subsidies have to be found for the mercantile marine, which is growing with such startling rapidity. Four hundred millions have to be paid to the old railway companies before nationalisation is complete, and this is a strain which it seems high finance in Japan can hardly bear. At the same time, railway expansion—the opening up of new lines—is urgently called for. In these circumstances a third path is being found in proposals to lease the railways to a syndicate, which shall undertake scheduled extensions. Such an alternative would never have been considered but for the fact that recently, when the foreign markets were sounded as to a foreign loan, the response was discouraging. Perhaps this was more due to a dislike of Japan's flamboyant military and naval programme than to any doubt of her financial strength; but the fact remains, and it added its weight in favour of the reduction in expenditure and in immediate ambitions which has been shrewdly determined on.

PRIVATE TOWNSHIPS.

It would be interesting to have a clearer statement of the reasons which actuated the Chief Secretary, Mr. Wood, in declining to receive a deputation from the Labour Congress in regard to the granting of a lease to the Commonwealth Oil Corporation for the purposes of a private township. As conveyed to the congress by the member for Hartley, Mr. Wood's reasons were (1) that the Government was opposed to the principle of granting township leases; and (2) that as the lease to the Commonwealth Oil Corporation had been practically granted he had no power to interfere. Assuming that the Minister's position has been correctly represented, it becomes difficult to understand why, if the Government is opposed to the granting of township leases, this particular lease should have been "practically granted." This, of course, may be capable of satisfactory explanation. Nevertheless, it is not to be denied that a matter of policy is involved in this question of private townships. We have some instances in which they have been remarkably successful. In this connection there occurs at the moment the town of Sunlight in England. It is owned by a great manufacturing proprietary, and houses its work people. It possesses all the features of a model township—in design, in comfort, and in sanitation. Probably in no public township in England could a large number of operatives be assembled under such conditions of tasteful comfort and general well-being. And there are other examples, both in the United Kingdom and on the Continent, where large employers have built towns for the occupation of their employees much to the advantage and satisfaction of those employees. It may be that the Commonwealth Oil Corporation has in view the establishment of a township which will answer every reasonable private and public requirement. In that case it might be a pity to put any obstacle in the way of its establishment, especially as this corporation has so splendidly proved its bona fides in the development of a new and important industry. At the same time it is difficult not to realise that private townships may be in some circumstances objectionable. We have had some experience of them in connection with mining properties in the Newcastle district, and we know that there they have in the past given rise to difficulty. Certainly they were far from being "model"; but the workers in the adjacent mine had to live there, and when labour disputes arose those workers received peremptory notice to quit their homes. Action of this kind on the part of proprietors may possibly have been justified on occasion. But having regard to the temperament of Australian workers, also of the general sentiment of the country, it is questionable whether it is a good thing in the public interest that proprietaries should have this power over house and home. Or, put in another way, it is doubtful whether a proprietary is well advised in making provision for the housing of employees who would rather see to the housing of themselves.

Commonwealth and State.—The development of the correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of New South Wales on the subject of advertising Australia into a heated controversy on State rights in respect of immigration, serves mainly to show that the relations between the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments are, even on the most ordinary questions, not marked by any particular cordiality. A complete precis of the correspondence, which was tabled in the Federal Parliament on Monday, was published in the "Herald" on March 31, and the only interest that attaches to it now is in relation to the progress of the immigration movement. In 1906 only 727 assisted immigrants arrived in New South Wales, and in 1907 the number rose to 2520. The monthly average now is about 235. Since January 1 approximately 719 persons have been sent out from England through the instrumentality of the Agent-General's Office, and in addition 211 have been assisted on the nominations of their friends at this end. The greatest care is exercised in granting passages only to desirable persons, principally belonging to the agricultural classes. Detachments of domestic servants sent out recently have been absorbed without difficulty. One of the most satisfactory features about the immigration movement is the number of persons nominated for assisted passages by their friends who have already settled in New South Wales.

The Postal Department.—The overworked officials of the Postal Department have achieved a good deal in enlisting the sympathy of Sir William Lyne. The Commonwealth Treasurer has been inclined in the past to dole out in a niggardly way the money necessary to bring the service up to its work. He was prone to measure the postal service of to-day by the postal service as he knew it under the State regime, when the Postmaster-General's portfolio in the Cabinet was eagerly sought by candidates for Ministerial office as a "soft snap." But the exigencies of politics often exercise a marked influence upon the inclinations and professions of a politician, and that may account in some degree for Sir William Lyne's unexpected attitude of sympathy toward the Postal Department. During a chat a few days ago, Sir William frankly admitted that the department was undermanned and the staff overworked. He even went so far as to say that the existing conditions must not be allowed to continue. Before federation the six postal systems were comparatively small affairs, but under present circumstances the departments, consolidated under one head, had become one of the most important branches of administrative work. Sir William Lyne recognised that there had been a marvellous development in the postal, telegraphic, and telephonic business, and that the work had, almost suddenly, outgrown the capacity of the staff. These expressions of opinion may stimulate the committee of the Federal Cabinet in its task of investigating the condition of the service. The committee, which consists of Mr. Mauger (Postmaster-General), Senator Keating (Minister for Home Affairs), and Senator Best, sat at the General Post Office yesterday. The day was devoted to a consultation with Mr. E. J. Young, Deputy Postmaster-General, as to the state of affairs in New South Wales. Mr. Mauger was unable to say how long the inquiry in this State would take, but he intimated that the committee would very fully inquire into all the complaints, and the conditions generally throughout the service.

Western Mail Delayed.—Shunting accidents, which are of frequent occurrence and generally of minor importance, sometimes involve an aggravating dislocation of passenger traffic. The derailment of a car in Sydney station yard on Tuesday night resulted in the delay of the western mail, timed to leave at 9 o'clock, for over an hour. A carriage was being brought out of the new car sheds, when it went off at the points. The effect was to block the way into the sheds in which the cars forming the western mail were waiting in readiness to be shunted into the platform. A gang of men was put on at once, but it was not till about 10.10 p.m. that the western mail was despatched. It is officially explained that the occurrence had nothing whatever to do with the running road, or with the regular ordinary passenger business. The mishap is put into the category of shunting accidents, which appear to be inseparable from railway operations. No damage resulted either to the carriage or to the track.

The Lord Mayor and the Fleet.—Since the publication of the interview with the Lord Mayor on the reception of the American fleet in the "Herald" on Tuesday the greatest interest has been aroused. Many of the leading commercial men, it is understood, have intimated their intention of cordially co-operating, and a meeting will be called as soon as possible to initiate a movement that will not only do honour to our visitors but reflect credit on the city.

A Surprise Visit.—Various matters in connection with timber yards have cropped up during the hearing of the sawmillers' dispute in the Arbitration Court, and it was suggested that the Court should visit some of the yards in order that they might get a general idea of the working of the timber industry, and a particular idea of the work of the various classes of labourers. Yesterday Mr. Johns, secretary to the union, asked the President that the visit should not be paid until the conclusion of the evidence. The President suggested that as a result of such a visit the Court might want to call more evidence. Mr. Johns then urged that the date and time and the particular yard to be visited should be kept secret. The President took the union's secretary at his word, and promised that it should be kept secret even from Mr. Johns. But Mr. Johns protested that he should like to be there. Judge Heydon answered that probably the other side might also like to be there. Mr. Spencer hinted that if the "surprise visit" were noised abroad they might decorate the yards with flags and bunting in honour of the occasion. His Honor said that the visit might be paid after the hearing of evidence.

Rights of the States.—One of the apparently substantial grievances the States were supposed to possess against the Commonwealth was that the right of communicating direct with the Secretary of State for the Colonies had been taken away. It now, however, appears that no such change has been made, nor is it intended to rob the States of their rights in this respect. The State Governor has just received a cable from Lord Elgin which makes the position abundantly clear, and shows that the prevalent idea is an entirely mistaken one. The message, which speaks for itself, is as follows:—"Your despatch of February 1 and letter of February 11: I gather that your Ministers have misunderstood intention of my despatch of September 21. Please explain to them that the new arrangements in this Office do not involve any alteration in the system of direct correspondence with State Governors, but that, on the contrary, it was and is intended that all business which has hitherto passed through the State Governors should follow the same channel unless and until there is formal and constitutional authority for a change of system.—(Signed) Elgin." The despatch of September 21 to which Lord Elgin refers is one concerning the reorganisation of the Colonial Office, the effect of which has already been published.

In the Cause of Charity.—Nurse Gresham's death on Monday night—a breakdown, which was the result of unselfish and heroic service in the Newcastle and Tamworth Hospitals—is referred to in a letter from Mr. Fredk. Allman, who reminds the public how long and hard the hours of labour are for a hospital staff. Our nurses are, for the most part, overworked and underpaid. The great strain put upon, for instance, the Tamworth Hospital staff, especially during the summer months, is shown by this, that in December and January there was a daily average of 29 patients, and during the two following months of 30. The hospital was then full, mainly of typhoid cases. Three nurses fell ill from the strain; two more were engaged. Nurse Gresham, the matron, still worked, though on the point of breakdown. At the end of last week she became seriously ill; an operation was performed, which showed no specific cause of illness. As a matter of fact, she was worn out. And on Monday night she died. If there are people to be found—and this applies particularly to hospital nurses—who are willing to sacrifice health and life to preserve the lives of others, we should all the more safeguard them while we can, making their risk of breakdown as small as possible. That there is room in both public and private institutions for improvement in this direction is obvious from the facts stated above.

Renewal of City Water Mains.—In a minute submitted to the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday the engineer-in-chief said that in 1906 he brought under the notice of the board the necessity of renewing the old 20in. low-level main traversing Riley and Oxford streets to Park-street, which is the principal main to the low-level zones of the northern part of the city and Woolloomooloo. The increase in the demand for water at the various wharfs in Darling Harbour from Woolloomooloo had outstripped the capacity of the old main. The pipes had been in service 38 years. The main had been repaired several times, and upon examining the metal it was found to be so deteriorated that its renewal now became a necessity in order to maintain a proper supply. Owing to want of money, the Public Works Fund not being available at the time, and the loan fund also being short, the work was not recommended to be carried out. He now recommended that it be put in hand this year, viz., a 24in. main from Crown-street to College-street, a 20in. main along College-street and Park-street, and an 18in main from Park-street to Bent-street. The estimated cost of the work was £9850. The board approved of the minute.

Tullamore-Bulbodney Railway.—Mr. Kelly, M.L.A., has received a letter from the Under-Secretary for Public Works (Mr. W. J. Hanna) in response to a petition from residents of Tottenham asking for the construction of the third section of the Bogan Gate-Bulbodney railway, from Tullamore to Bulbodney, as at present surveyed. Mr. Hanna states that the railway to Tottenham is now under the consideration of the Chief Railway Commissioner, and until his report is to hand no action can be taken.

Yachts and Defence.—The New Zealand proposal to encourage the building of seagoing yachts, with a view to their use for coastal defence purposes, is generally regarded in local naval circles as having more humour than utility in it. Commander Brownlow, the State Naval Commandant, however, spoke with due seriousness regarding it yesterday:—"Looking at the proposal as it appears in the paper, and not being in possession of any further data," he said, "the project certainly seems to me to be impracticable as far as defence is concerned. Auxiliary vessels with a speed of five miles an hour are no use whatever for the purposes of coastal defence, and even boats built for racing would be of no use. The only vessels that could be used for the purposes of defence in this respect would be up-to-date destroyers or vessels of the scout class. The New Zealand suggestion is evidently with a view to co-operation in time of war between the Commonwealth and the Dominion, but a proper wireless telegraph system would be of more benefit than any combination of yacht clubs to provide vessels."

Strand Electric Lighting Company.—At a conference held in the Lord Mayor's room yesterday between the Lord Mayor, the town clerk, Alderman Meagher (vice-chairman of the electric-lighting committee), Alderman Clarke (vice-chairman of the finance committee), Mr. P. S. Dawson (city solicitor), Mr. Forbes Mackay (city electrical engineer), and Mr. John Kent (representing the Strand Electric Lighting Company, Limited), the few remaining points of difference between the council and the company were fully discussed, and satisfactorily adjusted; and instructions were given for the preparation of the final agreement for execution by the company and the council. It will be remembered that the scheme involves the transfer of the business of the Strand Electric Lighting Company, estimated at about 1,250,000 units per annum, to the City Council, for the sum of £45,000. This purchase is being made by the City Council in conjunction with the purchase of the business of the Arcadia Electric Lighting Company, which carries on business in the same area as the Strand. The result of the purchase will be the acquisition by the City Council of practically the whole of the supply of electric light and power in the business centre of the city. The Empire Company, the business of which lay in the same district, has already been bought out by the City Council, and its business transferred to them.

The Chinese Famine.—About 16 months ago the Lord Mayor of Sydney initiated a fund for the relief of the sufferers by the famine in the province of Kiang Su, in China, in connection with which there is still a balance of £250 in hand. Yesterday the Lord Mayor, in response to an application, informed Mr. Tong Chai Chih, the editor of the "Tung Wah Times," that he had decided to hand over the balance to the Kwang Tung Famine Fund. The amount will be remitted by draft by the next mail to the Colonial Secretary at Hongkong, with instructions to pay it over to the directors of the Tung Wah Hospital in Hongkong, for the purpose of relieving the distress caused by the failure of the rice crops in the province of Kwang Tung.

Old-age Pensions.—In the Labour Congress yesterday Mr. Cochrane moved that the Old Age Pensions Act be amended to provide, among other things, for the reduction of the age qualification from 65 to 60 years, and residence in the State from 25 to 20 years; that no distinction be made in the case where husband and wife are not living apart; that where the applicant for a pension has not received more than £100 for the preceding year he shall, if in destitute circumstances, and otherwise qualified, be entitled to the pension; that the amount of pension be payable fortnightly by post at the residence of the pensioner; and that applications from inmates of asylums shall be entertained. It was pointed out by Mr. Cochrane that the annual cost of distributing the old age pensions in New South Wales exceeded £20,000. The Bank of New South Wales received £10,000; board fees amounted to over £5000, and other costs ranged between £5000 and 6000. The amount disbursed was £547,000. In Victoria in 1904 the pension vote of £201,205 was distributed at a cost of £112. The motion was agreed to.

Harbour Improvements.—Extensive alterations to the Tyser Wharf at Miller's Point are to be put in hand by the Harbour Trust at once. The width of the wharf will be extended to 80 feet, and an addition of 40 feet is to be made to the length. The new wharf will afford about 400 feet of berthing space. Improvements are to be made to the Adelaide Company's Wharf, and also to the Howard Smith Wharf and sheds at Darling Harbour. A new wharf 200 feet long and 25 feet wide is to be erected at Watson's Bay at a cost of about £2000.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

His Excellency the Governor and Miss Rawson, attended by Lieutenant North, R.N., were present at the garden party given by their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote yesterday afternoon.

Sir Wm. Lyne returned to Melbourne from Tasmania yesterday. He stated that the report that he had purchased an estate there was incorrect.

The State Governor is in receipt of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies intimating that Mr. G. P. Killmaster has been appointed Consul for the United States at Newcastle. His Excellency has authorised the provisional recognition of Mr. H. L. Hughes as Vice-Consul of the United States at Sydney, pending receipt of the King's exequatur.

Mr. R. Bell, returning officer for Newtown, and Mr. C. H. Halstead, returning officer for St. George, have been appointed to the commission of the peace.

Mr. H. M. Hamilton, barrister-at-law, has been appointed to act as Judge of District Courts and chairman of quarter sessions within the southern and Hunter districts.

Mr. M. J. M'Mahon, clerk of petty sessions at Narrandera, has been appointed a police magistrate for the State generally.

The retirement of Mr. Frederick Robertson Wilshire, police magistrate at Penrith, has been approved as from April 30.

After the annual vestry meeting in St. John's schoolroom, Balmain North, on Tuesday, Mrs. Sinclair Finlay, on behalf of the parishioners, presented the rector, the Rev. W. J. Cakebread, B.A., with a purse of 50 sovereigns.

Mr. L. S. Spiller, Chief Commissioner for Taxation, returned to Sydney by the Melbourne express yesterday after a brief holiday at Adelaide.

The House of Representatives yesterday granted leave of absence for one month to Messrs. Kingston, Edwards, Hans Irvine, and Fowler.

Mr. Barnett, secretary of the Amalgamated Miners' Association at Broken Hill, who acted as minute secretary during the sittings of the Labour Congress at the Trades Hall, was made a presentation last night in recognition of services rendered to the congress. Mr. Cochrane made the presentation on behalf of the Sydney Labour Council, and referred in terms of satisfaction to the benefit that must follow upon the meeting together of city and country unionists in conference. Mr. Barnett, in returning thanks, said he was convinced that the cause they had at heart must be advanced by the holding of an annual congress.

On Monday evening Mr. J. R. M'Neil was entertained at Baumann's Cafe by his old friends connected with the St. Francis' (Paddington) Debating Society. During the evening the Rev. P. B. Kennedy, who presided, made the guest, who is the president of the society, a presentation on behalf of his admirers.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

POSTAL RECLASSIFICATION.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Prime Minister informed Mr. T. Brown in the House of Representatives that the Public Service Commissioner had submitted a proposal for the reclassification of all post-offices and postmasters, and it was at present before the Postmaster-General's department. The Government proposed to accept the recommendation submitted, and it would be brought into operation with any modifications that might be found necessary as soon as the department had completed its considerations of the proposals.

FLEMINGTON RIFLE RANGE.

In the House of Representatives to-day Mr. Bowden asked the Minister for Defence what was the cause of the delay in the alterations and repairs of the Flemington rifle range, and also whether he was aware that some members of rifle clubs were leaving their clubs in consequence of inconvenience caused by their being compelled to visit Randwick for practice until the fencing and repairs were completed. The Minister replied that the complicated nature of the damage to the range necessitated several consultations of the officers of the Defence and Home Affairs Departments with regard to the technical details. A contract was let on March 31, and the work was to be completed on June 23. The commandant would be asked to see if temporary facilities could be provided to meet, as far as possible, the wishes of the riflemen interested.

ADVERTISING AUSTRALIA.

Replying to a question by Mr. Kelly as to what arrangement was made by the Commonwealth regarding an article which appeared in the first issue of the "Lone Hand," Mr. Deakin to-day said that at the beginning of 1907 it was arranged that an article should be written and that the Commonwealth should pay £120 for 10,000 copies, together with the plates used to illustrate them. The article had brought home to the people in Great Britain in a very vivid manner the great resources of the Commonwealth.

POSTAL EXPENDITURE.

The Postal Department has prepared a statement showing the expenditure for 1907, compared with that computed on the population basis. The actual expenditure in each State, including that on new works and buildings, was as follows:—

New South Wales	£1,125,356
Victoria	781,540
Queensland	484,893
South Australia	224,798
Western Australia	305,425
Tasmania	128,304

The total expenditure amounted to £3,110,316.

If the money had been distributed on a population basis the result would have been:—

New South Wales	£1,161,703
Victoria	925,630
Queensland	401,542
South Australia	290,192
Western Australia	198,127
Tasmania	133,122

TO-DAY.

Arts and Crafts Exhibition: Art Society's Rooms, Pitt-street.
Y.M.C.A. Hall: Miss Ernestine Louat's Concert.
Metropolitan Band: Hyde Park, 8.
Scottish Rifle Band: Argyle Park, 8.
Labour Bazaar: Trades Hall, 7.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Humpty Dumpty," 7.45.
Theatre Royal: "The Lady Dandies," 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 7.50.
Palace Theatre: Maskelyne Mysteries, 8.
Criterion Theatre: "Beggar on Horseback," 8.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 7.45.
Lyceum Theatre: Spencer's Theatrescope Co., 8.
Clay's Vaudeville: Town Hall, Parramatta.
Haymarket Hippodrome: 8.
Zoological Gardens: 10.
Victoria Hall: Picturescope, 8.
Queen's Hall: London Bio-Tableaux, 8.
Oxford Hall: London Biograph Co., 8.
Figure Eight: Coogee, 3.30.
Town Hall: West's Pictures, 8.
Australian Buckjumpers: Prince Alfred Park, 8.15.
Wirth's Circus: Prince Alfred Park, 8.15.
Wonderland City, Bondi: 8.
Columbian Skating Rink: King-street, Newtown.
Sydney Skating Rink: Prince Alfred Park, 10 and 7.30.

FEDERAL FINANCE.

SUGGESTED SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS.

A FIXED RETURN AND A PER CAPITA ALLOWANCE.

VII.

Many schemes for the solution of the problems of Federal finance have been evolved, all of them being more or less complicated. Some of them have been so full of detail as to bewilder the average intelligence. Largely on this account none of them have been acceptable. It does not seem, however, that a simple scheme of readjustment is impossible. Indeed, it is believed to be perfectly feasible—a scheme so free from complications as to be readily understood by the man in the street.

All that is really needed is for the States and the Commonwealth to agree on two points:—

(1) As to how much the Commonwealth Treasurer is prepared to grant collectively to the States as a fixed annual return;

(2) As to how much the Commonwealth Treasurer should return in addition to the States per each unit of increase in population.

If these two points could be once settled all the difficulties would be found to be easy of solution. Even the vexed problem of equitable distribution would not be found so insuperable an obstacle as might at first sight appear. It is true that it will be difficult to bring the State and Federal Treasurers to one mind as to the exact sum that should be returned, either as a fixed sum or as an additional premium on increases of population. This will be a matter for discussion, for negotiation, and, ultimately, for compromise. It must be remembered that whereas to-day the State Treasurers have some say in the matter, and their consent has to be obtained, at the end of 1910 the Federal Treasurer will be master of the situation. When that day arrives he will not go cap in hand to a State Premiers' conference, but will lay his proposals before the Federal Parliament, where they will be accepted or rejected quite irrespective of what the State Treasurers may think or say. This is a point that cannot be too strongly emphasised. It rests, then, with these two parties to come to some amicable agreement at once, if possible. The Commonwealth is desirous of putting an end as soon as it can to its period of financial stagnation. The States, too, should be anxious to make the best deal possible now rather than allow more time to slip by, when they know that every day passing means that their arguments grow less convincing.

Let us suppose, then, that an agreement is arrived at by members of the forthcoming conference at Melbourne. Imagine that the Commonwealth Treasurer announces that he is prepared to hand over to the States a fixed sum of say £7,000,000 per annum plus a return of say £1 per head per annum for every increase in population from July 1 next onwards. The question then arises as to how this £7,000,000 should be distributed. To us no difficulty presents itself.

It is well known that under the Braddon clause the Federal Government has been returning a sum ranging between seven and eight millions sterling to the States each year, and on this sum they have managed to struggle on. The method of apportionment of this amount between the States has been absolutely fair, being based, as already explained, on the provisions of the bookkeeping clause. The people of Western Australia, for instance, contributed their share towards the cost of the Federal Government, and towards the upkeep of the transferred departments, receiving the balance back for State purposes. As they had contributed more heavily per head of population through the Customs-house than the people of the other States, they received correspondingly more back. Tasmania on the other hand as she contributed less received back less. Now, why not take this as a basis for distributing any sum that the Federal Government may be willing to hand back to the States? The actual surplus of £7,844,840 returned to the States last year under the provisions of the Braddon clause was made approximately in the following proportions:—

New South Wales	38 per cent.
Victoria	28 ..
Queensland	12 ..
South Australia	10 ..
Western Australia	8 ..
Tasmania	4 ..
	100 ..

These proportions are given merely to indicate the method that should be adopted. What should be done is this: That the Commonwealth Statistician should be asked to ascertain exactly in what proportion consumption of dutiable goods takes place in the various States. The percentages he would arrive at would not exactly correspond with those above set forth, for they are affected by Commonwealth expenditure that is unevenly debited against the various States in connection with the transferred services. But there would be no very great variation. Moreover, they would be scientifically in keeping with the Federal basis of our Constitution. Unification would recognise no distinction between the different States; federation must. So while Western Australia contributes most per head of population, she would receive most back. Nor would the percentage arrived at exactly correspond with the ratio of population in the various States. Western Australia contains only 6 per cent. of the population of the Commonwealth, yet under such a scheme she would receive about 8 per cent. of the returned revenue. It might be urged against this scheme that Western Australia would permanently benefit at the expense of the other States if, as seems probable, time makes her a more equal consumer with them. Were this view pressed—and there would be a certain amount of justice in the contention—then it might be arranged that the ratio of distribution of the fixed sum be made gradually to harmonise with the ratio of population as existing on June 30 next, taking, say, 10 or 20 years to arrive at a pure per capita distribution. As to the future increases in population, that is especially provided for, and need not, therefore, be regarded.

Were a return on a population basis practicable, one of the greatest problems of Federal finance would never have arisen.

If such a scheme were adopted there would be no need for a special provision for Western Australia, which otherwise would be in an anomalous position.

It should also be arranged that the Commonwealth agrees in addition to henceforth find the interest on the capital cost of the transferred properties, which may be estimated to amount to say £315,000 per annum. As a matter of fact it really does not matter either to the States or the Commonwealth whether the fixed sum were regarded as being inclusive or exclusive of this interest charge, for the Commonwealth can only afford to return a certain amount, and if the interest on the transferred properties be regarded as included the fixed sum would of necessity be larger than if it were not so included. The only point about it is that it would to some extent prejudicially affect the distribution were the interest charge made inclusive. The interest on the transferred properties should of course be distributed exactly in the ratio of the value of the properties taken over by the Commonwealth from each State. It is well that this transferred property business should be settled once and for all.

The scheme, therefore, boils down to this, that the Commonwealth should return to the States for equitable division among them, say, £7,000,000 per annum as a fixed sum, plus, say, £1 per head for increases in population occurring after July 1 next, plus the interest on the capital cost of the transferred properties.

So far it will be noted that nothing has been said of taking over the debts. If it is not considered advisable to do this at the present juncture then the readjustment suggested above could be made quite irrespective of any interference with the debts. But if it is considered advisable to do so—and there are many points in favour of the Commonwealth carrying out its obligations under the Constitution in this connection—the London debts only should be taken over, the local debts being left with the States. The interest on the London debts up to latest dates approximates as follows:—

INTEREST ON LONDON DEBTS.

New South Wales	£2,[illegible]
Victoria	1,4[illegible]
Queensland	1,2[illegible]
South Australia	748,000
Western Australia	[illegible]
Tasmania	208,000
	£6,673,000

The principal sum of the aggregate London debts of the States amounts to £185,579,000, those floated in Australia totalling £54,570,000. Were the Commonwealth to take over the former there would not be much left out of any fixed return agreed to for the States. Still the States would be no poorer on that account. They would indeed be in no way affected. Instead of the Commonwealth handing them money which they would have to use in paying interest on their debts, the Commonwealth would use what otherwise would have been their own money for this purpose. Nor would there be any difficulty as to distribution. If the percentage of the fixed sum exceeded the amount of interest that a particular State was committed to for interest on its London debts, then the balance would be paid to the State in question. If it were less then the State would be called upon to make good the deficiency. Nor need the question of sinking funds involve the matter, as in some quarters is believed. Where the sinking funds are voluntary, as is the case in New South Wales, the State could divert them to the purpose of liquidating part of its local indebtedness if it so chose, without in any way hampering the Commonwealth. But where the payment to the sinking fund is obligatory, as is the case in Western Australia, then the State Government would still be expected to find it. By doing so it would be in no way worse off than is the case to-day. As its debt was gradually paid off by means of the fund then its return from the Commonwealth would increase in exact ratio to the reduction in the interest charge.

If the Commonwealth takes over the debts a sinking fund should undoubtedly be immediately established, nor need such a fund impose any burden on the Commonwealth, provided it were worked on certain well-defined principles. No attempt should be made to bring it into force to its full extent at once, but all savings of interest on conversion should be added to this fund. It is not at all improbable that in the course of a little time the Commonwealth will be able to borrow money at 3 per cent. To-day she should be able to do at least as well as New South Wales, which is, say, on a 3½ per cent. basis. Well, the States between them owe no less than £94,972,000, on which they are paying 4 per cent. Were this huge sum converted, as it will be in course of time, into 3 or 3½ per cent. stock, an enormous saving would be effected for the sinking fund.

THE CHINESE BOYCOTT.

JAPAN PROTESTING.

WOMEN'S PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM.

THE RING OF SHAME.

THURSDAY ISLAND, Wednesday.

Latest Chinese files by the Nikko Maru report fully on the subject of the boycott against Japan arising out of the Tatsu Maru incident. At all business centres in Canton where the result of the Tatsu Maru case was made known tears were seen coursing down many cheeks.

Japan has notified Peking that she will hold China responsible for any diminution of trade on account of the boycott, but the methods of the people concerned in carrying the boycott on leaves the Chinese Government without means of interfering, although mandates to the Viceroy have been issued to break the boycott.

Comments in the papers show the greatness of Japan's error in using a "big stick" to secure satisfaction from China. Had the Japanese Government accepted China's offer of apology for the insult to Japan's flag and the remission of other points in dispute to arbitration she would have redeemed her honour. But Japan's rulers chose the more ignoble part. They indulge their vanity by inflicting upon a neighbouring country the most poignant of humiliations. The flag of Japan has been publicly honoured. Now Japan's merchants are forced to pay the price. Success which China cannot gain in the field she accomplishes in the mart. If Japan had not China as a field for her products and manufactures, her trade would be inconsiderable. Ruin faces Hokkaido, whence comes the bulk of the Japanese foodstuffs consumed in China. In 1906 exports were valued at £12,000,000 out of a total of £42,000,000. Since then exports to China have increased until now they are estimated to form one third of the entire export trade. If, therefore, as seems inevitable, China continues the boycott of Japan, the latter country will find herself in a worse position than if she had been defeated in a martial campaign. Chinese women have entered strongly into the boycott. An assemblage of ten thousand women took place on April 5 at Canton, despite drenching rain, and proved spectacularly impressive. In the big hall was a large piece of white cloth, inscribed in Chinese characters, "National Disgrace Memorial." Those present were all in white "mourning" for the disgrace of the country. Resolutions were carried unanimously recording national shame over the disgrace inflicted on China by Japan, also to have rings engraved with the characters "National Shame" in order to keep the event green in their memory, and further unanimously agreeing to carry out retaliatory measures to the bitter end.

At Hongkong boycott measures both as regards business ashore and afloat have been instituted. One big firm in that city had the Japanese portion of the goods in its possession dumped into the sea, declaring this was done to emphasise matters. Posters outside all Chinese business premises indicate "no Japanese goods procurable." Native banks at Canton have agreed to accept no Japanese notes. Another move against the Japanese is that no permission has been given Japanese priests to do missionary work.

NEWS IN SYDNEY.

The Chinese Merchants' Association of Sydney yesterday received a telegram from a prominent Chinese merchant at Thursday Island, stating that the Japanese mail steamer Nikko Maru, which had called there on her way from Yokohama and Hongkong, bound to Sydney, had no Chinese passengers and no Chinese cargo on board. The captain had stated that on the last trip of the Nikko Maru from Australia to the East the passage money from Chinese alone reached £2400.

ALLEGED MURDER.

SHIP'S OFFICER CHARGED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Amud Schrinder, chief officer of the Norwegian steamer Opland, appeared to-day at the City Court charged with the wilful murder of a Chinese named Yen Ah Guee on April 18. Mr. Maxwell, instructed by Mr. Ridgway, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Croker for the defence.

Wong Hing Toy, quartermaster of the Opland, said that after beating Yen Ah Guee the officer had deceased by the queue with his left hand, and lifted him with the right and threw him overboard. The chief officer then went aft. Then two firemen came up on deck, and he made a statement to them. They looked for the man in the water, and he looked too. After deceased went over, the ship was stopped for a few minutes. The vessel did not cruise about when Ah Guee went over.

Yen Kin, fireman, said that he saw the chief officer beating Ah Guee. He heard Ah Guee cry "I'm being killed," and then a choking sound. He came up on deck, and saw the chief officer walking away. He did not see Ah Guee next morning. He found some hair caught on a nut on the starboard side. The boatswain took the hair. The case was not concluded when the Court rose.

TO ADVERTISE AUSTRALIAN FLOUR.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Mr. E. J. Birbeck, a well-known baker, of Brownhill, is at present in Melbourne, and intends to interview the Premiers and the Federal Treasurer (Sir William Lyne) on the question of having the merits of Australian flour brought before British bakers at the London bakers' exhibition in September. Mr. Birbeck first made a proposal to send a contingent of Australian bakers and a parcel of Australian flour to the Franco-British Exhibition to demonstrate the excellence of Australian flour by having it made into bread, which could be distributed on the spot. The idea was brought forward so late that there was no time to carry it out for the Franco-British Exhibition, but Mr. Birbeck is hopeful that it will meet with public approval, and that arrangements will be made to have a well-equipped working exhibit at the London bakers' exhibition.

The proclamation appointing the Circuit Court to be held at Broken Hill has been rescinded.

During last week 1223 rats and 440 mice were destroyed in the city, and 292 rats and 142 mice were microscopically examined at the Board of Health's laboratory. Two plague-infected rats were detected.

The labour bazaar will not open until 7 p.m. on Saturday to avoid clashing with Hospital Saturday.

"Countryman" protests against the letting of Prince Alfred Park grounds to circuses and buckjumping shows, suggesting that there is plenty of vacant land about the city.

In regard to the Lord Mayor's late proposals for the beautification of the city, "Progressive Citizen" advocates not only the removal of the railings round the Town Hall, garden plots, and fountains, but the continuation of Clarence-street as far as Bathurst-street.

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THE LICENSING BILL.

SECOND READING IN THE COMMONS.

THE BREWERS' STORM.

GOVERNMENT UNDAUNTED.

LONDON, April 29.

Mr. H. H. Asquith, the Prime Minister, moved the second reading of the Licensing Bill in the House of Commons yesterday. He admitted that the Act of 1904 substantially diminished licenses, though the process was uneven and sporadic and very costly. The Government's bill made the process compulsory, uniform, cheaper, and more effective.

Mr. Asquith did not offer substantial concessions, but he promised sympathetic consideration to practical suggestions for the suppression of bogus clubs.

The Prime Minister declared that the Government was not intimidated by threats of disaster and ruin to all Radicals if they laid sacrilegious hands on brewers' interests. Those who so threatened miscalculated the potency of the forces behind the bill.

Mr. G. Cave, Conservative, moved an amendment, supported by the Opposition, urging the House not to proceed with the measure, which did not promote temperance, and which violated the principles of equity.

The debate was adjourned.

The Licensing Bill proposes—(1) a time limit of 14 years, during which the number of licenses will be reduced by from 30,000 to 32,000, or about one-third the total number now in existence; (2) the creation of a central licensing authority for the whole of England and Wales; (3) a national compensation fund, to be provided by the trade and administered by the central authority. The rate of compensation will be about one-half less than at present. In future the amount payable as compensation will only be such a sum as will purchase, with interest, an immediate annuity for the unexpired years of the reduction period equal to the annual value of the house. Such amount will be added as the Commissioners of Inland Revenue think it right to pay as compensation for the loss of business. The bill restores to the local licensing authority full discretion to refuse renewals or transfers of existing "on" licenses, subject to compensation during the reduction period. Local veto is conferred on parochial electors in the case of applications for new licenses during the 14 years, and then the local area will obtain full authority to grant or suppress licenses. Clubs must be registered, as at present, and registration must be renewed annually, so that objections may be raised. The chief constable or superior officer (not in uniform) may inspect any club. No children are permitted to enter a bar, and licensing justices may impose conditions as to the employment of women in licensed premises.

SUPPORTED BY BISHOPS.

ANGLICAN AND ROMAN CATHOLIC.

LONDON, April 29.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Randall Davidson, addressing the Church of England Temperance Society at Lambeth Palace yesterday, said he was convinced that the principles of the Licensing Bill introduced by the Government were right and true and just. The difficulties regarding the time-limit and clubs were capable of solution.

Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, and nearly all the Roman Catholic Bishops in Ireland, urge Nationalists actively to support the Licensing Bill.

[The Archbishop of Canterbury is determined that there shall be no alliance of the bishops with beer. Brewers have threatened that their subscriptions and all those they can influence will be withdrawn from the Church if the Bench of Bishops in the House of Lords support the Licensing Bill, but the Primate will have none of support granted on terms.]

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in the course of a letter deprecating the alarmist cry of spoliation which has been raised, states that if the principles of the bill are examined they will be found to coincide with those which the Church of England Temperance Society has for a long time been advocating. As to the time limit, he would be prepared to concede more generous terms than the bill proposes.

SIR H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

BURIAL AT MEIGLE.

LONDON, April 28.

The remains of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman were buried at Meigle, Scotland, to-day. Enormous crowds were present, and 500 wreaths were carried to the graveside.

TRIBUTE BY MR. BALFOUR.

LONDON, April 29.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, in a letter to Mr. H. H. Asquith, Prime Minister, expressed deep regret that illness prevented him paying a tribute in the House of Commons to the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, "whose courage, consistency, high ideals, and kindliness were recognised by all parties."

ECONOMY IN CAPE COLONY.

NAVAL FORCE DISBANDED.

LONDON, April 29.

An influential deputation, including many members of Parliament, waited on the Colonial Secretary at Capetown, Mr. De Waal, and protested against the proposed disbandment of the naval volunteers.

Sir Gordon Sprigg, Mr. W. P. Schreiner, ex-Premiers, and Dr. Smartt, suggested that the Admiralty would consent to defray the cost of the volunteers from the colony's contribution to the Royal Navy.

Mr. De Waal disclaimed any intention to weaken the tie with the motherland, and he promised to consider the suggestion, but in view of the deficit the Ministry was bound to reduce expenditure by £1,000,000.

MASSACRES BY KURDS.

PERSIAN VILLAGES RAIDED.

LONDON, April 29.

News has reached Teheran, capital of Persia, that 3000 Kurds pillaged the villages of Urumiah, Salmas, and Khoy, in the western districts of the province of Azerbaijan.

The Kurds massacred 2000 men, women, and children.

EXTRAORDINARY VISION.

FRENCH INVENTOR'S CLAIM.

LONDON, April 29.

M. Armengand, President of the French Society of Aerial Navigation, has invented an apparatus supplementing the power of vision by artificial devices, based on the employment of electricity.

M. Armengand claims that by these means he will be able to see immense distances, possibly from Paris to New York.

JAPAN'S REVENUE BUOYANT.

LONDON, April 28.

The revenue of Japan is £7,000,000 above the estimate, and £1,000,000 has been saved in expenditure.

NAVAL DISASTERS.

THE RAMMING OF THE GALA.

HER ATTACK ON SCOUTS.

MANOEUVRING WITH MASKED LIGHTS.

LONDON, April 28.

During the manoeuvres last night at the mouth of the Thames, where the torpedo boat destroyer Gala was scout, fifteen destroyers accompanied the scout Attentive. The scout struck the destroyer Gala abaft the engine-room.

The fore part of the Gala sank, but the aft part, with the crew, was towed into shallow water by the torpedo-boat destroyer Garry, which afterwards took them off.

The scout Adventure damaged the destroyer Ribble, which returned to Sheerness.

The Admiralty state that Engineer-Lieutenant Fletcher, not Engineer-Lieutenant A. E. Drought, of the Gala, is missing.

April 29.

Fifteen torpedo boat destroyers attacked the Attentive and the Adventure, who were manoeuvring with masked lights in a very rough sea.

Following a successful attack by the Ettrick on the Adventure, the destroyers Gala, Ripple, and Teviot, at a speed of 12 knots, attacked the Attentive, which, seeing that a collision was inevitable, turned on its searchlight.

The Attentive struck the Gala on the port side, cutting her completely in two. The forepart of the destroyer soon sank, and although the stern part floated away, it subsequently sank. The crew was rescued, except Engineer-Lieut. Fletcher, who, it is supposed, was killed while asleep in his cabin.

The Attentive, after getting clear of the Gala, struck the Ripple, knocking a large hole in her port side, and flooding two compartments.

THE GLADIATOR COLLISION.

NO CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY.

At the inquest on the bodies of those victims of the disaster to the cruiser Gladiator on Saturday by collision with the liner Saint Paul, the Coroner directed the jury that no criminal responsibility had been disclosed in evidence.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

ACCIDENT ON BATTLESHIP.

A BOILER TUBE BURSTS.

LONDON, April 29.

The battleship Britannia, 16,350 tons, while voyaging from Queensferry to Portsmouth, burst a boiler tube. Five of her crew were seriously injured.

ARCHBISHOP CLARKE AT CAMBRIDGE.

THE CALL OF THE CHURCH.

LONDON, April 28.

Archbishop Clarke, of Melbourne, in the course of a sermon in Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, made a stirring appeal to the undergraduates. He emphasised the need of the Church for men, both at home and in Australia. He also referred to the hopefulness and power of her work in those distant new communities of English-speaking people.

AUSTRALIA'S DESTINY.

UPHOLDING BRITISH PRESTIGE.

LONDON, April 29.

Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P. (Conservative), addressing the Austral Club regarding Australia's influence in the development of the Empire, argued that Australia and New Zealand were bound to be great centres of civilisation and power, upholding and maintaining British prestige on the Oriental side of the world.

RAISULI'S FATE.

ASSASSINATION DENIED.

LONDON, April 29.

Reuter's correspondent at Tangier states that the report of the assassination of the chief Raisuli is not true.

CIGARETTES CONDEMNED.

RESTRICTION IN CANADA.

LONDON, April 29.

Mr. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance in the Canadian Cabinet, has announced his intention of introducing a bill to restrict the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in Canada.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

ROYAL ACADEMY EXHIBITORS.

LONDON, April 29.

Messrs. Arthur Burgess, George Coates, E. P. Cox, A. Streeton, G. W. Lambert, Parker, and Isaac Cohen are exhibitors at the Royal Academy.

BOXING.

In a 20-round contest at the National Sporting Club, Griffin, a New Zealander, knocked out Joe Bowker, in the eighth round.

Jack Johnson, the American coloured champion, has arrived in England to arrange a match with Burns.

BANK NOTE FORGERY.

The Bank of Belgium, owing to a successful forgery, is issuing a temporary 1000 franc note of a new design.

THE TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, April 29.

At the sale of Australian and New Zealand tallow to-day 1292 casks were offered and 937 were sold. Prices realised were—Mutton, fine 33/6, medium 29/6; beef, fine 30/9, medium 28/6.

A FEDERAL NEWSPAPER.

PROPOSAL BY MR. WEBSTER, M.P.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Mr. Webster gave notice in the House of Representatives to-day of the following question:—"Whether, in view of the inadequate, biassed, and unreliable reports and comments by the press in general on the doings of Parliament throughout Australia, the Government will consider the advisability of establishing a Commonwealth newspaper, and to that end grant an inquiry for the purpose of ascertaining (a) the possibility of establishing such newspaper to specially convey to the public an accurate and fair report of the doings of the people's Parliaments; (b) the feasibility of publishing all Acts of Parliament passed from time to time, or a readable synopsis of same, also all Government advertisements and announcements in a more readable form than those at present obtaining in the Government 'Gazette'; (c) the practicability of securing united action between States and Commonwealth Governments to utilise said paper as their advertising medium, also to place before the people such matters as said Parliaments may deem advantageous to the public interest; (d) also the publication in the said newspaper of cablegrams and telegraphic news, being a statement of fact relating to events transpiring within the Commonwealth and Empire and the world in general which are of interest and importance to the people of the Commonwealth."

THE PAGE MILLIONS.

A CLAIMANT'S CASE DISMISSED.

THE JUDGE OUTSPOKEN.

LONDON, April 29.

In the action in Chancery Page versus Walker, plaintiff, claimant to the Page estate in Middlesex, sought an injunction restraining the defendant from interfering with his possession of a farm in the parish of Kingsbury.

Mr. Justice Eve, in dismissing the case, with costs, declared that the action was based on shadowy evidence and reckless statements. He wished it was in his power to stop such proceedings.

The case in re Page—Page versus Walker—is apparently one of the series of actions brought by Page, another of which was decided in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice by Mr. Justice Eve on March 20. In that case, Page v Fladgate and others, the plaintiff claimed as heir-at-law of Henry Page, the youngest brother of the testator, Richard Page. The testator, who died in 1803, by his will devised his real estate to his three brothers, Francis, William, and Henry, successively in tail, and, in default of issue, to the survivor of the three brothers. The three brothers died without issue, the survivor, Henry, dying in 1829. The plaintiff in the present action alleged that his great-grandfather was William Page, of Wimbley, a cousin of the testator. The plaintiff also alleged that his father and predecessors in the title had been deprived of the estate by concealed frauds. The plaintiff's claim was barred by the Statute of Limitations unless a case of concealed fraud could be made out. The action asked for a declaration that plaintiff was heir-at-law, and was entitled to the possession of the estates or to the proceeds of the sales of them. Without calling upon counsel for the defendants, Mr. Justice Eve refused the motion with costs. It was quite possible, he said, that the plaintiff in the action might be the heir-at-law of the individual he mentioned, but even on that assumption it would be quite impossible to make any order disturbing or interfering with the position of these whose titles went back something like eighty years, and who had been in uninterrupted possession ever since.

A claimant from New South Wales to the estates, which comprise nearly half of the county of Middlesex, and valued at £200,000 per annum, is Mr. George Horton Morris, who is supported by a company known as the Page-Morris Company. Mr. Morris claims as the grandson of a brother of Henry Page, and as such entitled to at least half a share of the estates.

THE AMERICAN FLEET'S VISIT.

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

PROTEST FROM THE LABOUR CONGRESS.

One of the last resolutions passed by the Labour Congress, which concluded its sittings last night, dealt with the proposed expenditure of £50,000 of public money in the entertainment of officers and men on the American fleet.

Mr. Nutty, of Broken Hill, who has strong conscientious objections to warfare, moved, "That the congress enters its most emphatic protest against the squandering of £50,000 by the present Ministry in entertaining the American navy and crew." He said he could not but regard the coming visitors as legalised murderers, and he regretted very much that the fleet had been invited to enter Australian waters.

There was little or no discussion on the motion, which was agreed to by 22 votes to 16.

WHY THEY ARE COMING.

Dr. A. P. Merrill, Vice-Consul-General for the United States, who is visiting Sydney, said yesterday that the Commonwealth's invitation to the American fleet was very gratifying to the United States, and the visit would heighten the good relations already existing between America and Great Britain and the Commonwealth. It would be a bond between the Powers represented in the Pacific, towards all of whom the United States had the friendliest feelings.

The fleet was coming in no aggressive spirit; its objects were purely peaceful. America's Pacific coastline was so large, her interests so great, that she must keep more ships in this ocean than before. One object of the voyage was that the fleet should familiarise itself with the Pacific. It had, of course, to be policed, and probably some ships would be left behind in the Philippines for that purpose. When the organisation of these islands was complete the United States intended to give them the power of self-government. America had already territory enough of her own.

That part of the fleet which was to visit Australia would probably consist of about 16 large war vessels. They would most likely call in at Honolulu and Samoa, and then coal at Auckland before coming on to Melbourne and Sydney. They would probably remain in Australia about three weeks, including, first, 10 days or so at Melbourne, as the seat of government, and then perhaps the same time in Sydney. After Australia Japan was to be visited, and most likely China as well. Relations between the United States and Japan were at present very friendly, and this feeling would be strengthened by the presence in Washington of the lately appointed Japanese Ambassador, who, Dr. Merrill believed, had been in the United States as Ambassador before. At first the projected voyage had been considered very hazardous, especially in view of the passage through the Straits of Magellan; but up to now there had not been a single accident. The place of Admiral Evans, who had commanded up to San Francisco, would probably be taken for the rest of the voyage by Admiral Spery. It was unlikely that the fleet would go home again by the same route; it might pass through the Suez Canal, or more likely round the Cape.

"One result of the visit to Australia," said Dr. Merrill, "should be a greatly increased growth in trade between Australian merchants and the Philippines."

Dr. Merrill was careful to impress the fact that any opinions he might express were quite unofficial.

TO CALL AT SUVA.

SUVA, Wednesday.

The American fleet has accepted the invitation from Fiji to call at Suva.

A LOVER'S SUICIDE.

HIS LAST LETTER.

An inquest was held yesterday morning at the Water Police Court, concerning the death of George James Pinson, 23, a labourer, who was found dead at Watson's Bay on the 24th inst, with a bullet wound in the head.

Martin Dunn, employed at a dairy at Watson's Bay, stated that on the night of the 24th he heard shots, and later discovered Pinson's body in a cowshed near Victoria-street, Watson's Bay. Deceased had a revolver in his hand when witness found the body.

Constable McHugh deposed that the following letter was found in deceased's pocket:—"Dear Jenny,—This is to let you know and your mother, how sorry I am for the trouble that has been caused between us. She told me not to come near her any more. I suppose that meant to part us for ever; but as you promised me your first love for ever, and I to you, I did not mean to cause the trouble I did. I felt inclined to go overboard myself coming to Sydney. But you kept yourself together as long as you could. I told you that I would never take to anyone else, and you told me the same, and I mean to stick to my word. I intend to do away with myself to-night, and hope we will meet in the sweet heavens above. Mind my word and yours Jenny. Go with no one else. I hope you are all well. I remain, your truly and sincere lover,—George J. Pinson."

James Pinson, the father of deceased, stated that his son had suffered from pains in the head for the last five years, and had at one time been admitted to the Sydney Hospital on this account.

Amy Graham, residing in Victoria-street, Watson's Bay, stated that deceased had been in the habit of taking her daughter out, but witness had ordered him to cease coming to the house.

A verdict of suicide was returned.

THE VALE PARK MURDER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The trial of Wm. Iles was continued at Ballarat to-day, when the evidence for the prosecution closed.

Mr. Doyle, prisoner's counsel, said he would call a witness to prove that Iles was nowhere near the shaft when the deceased was supposed to have been done to death. This evidence would be called to contradict the witnesses who stated they saw accused in Vale Park on December 30 with Madge Graham.

Evidence was not concluded when the Court rose.

THE PEARLING DISASTER.

NINETEEN VESSELS SUNK.

FIFTY-TWO PERSONS DROWNED.

LOSSES THOUSANDS OF POUNDS.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Information which came to hand to-day shows that the disaster amongst the pearling fleet on the north-west coast is of a more than mildly sensational character. Owing to the remote part of the coastline where the wrecks occurred the intelligence filters through slowly, and some of the particulars received are very indefinite.

A telegram from La Grange Bay states that a severe storm, lasting from 7 p.m. on Sunday till daylight on Monday, passed over there. For a week previous the clouds indicated wind, and later on rain, but the glass gave little or no indication till Saturday, when it fell a little. On Sunday the clouds thickened quickly, and light rain fell, but there was little wind. The glass fell slowly till the evening, and then went down rapidly. At 7 p.m. the wind, which had been light variable from south-west to south-east, shifted to north-east, and blew with increasing force till daylight. It was known that the pearling fleet had, anticipating the end of the cyclonic season, gone out to work, and grave fears were entertained regarding its safety.

The postmaster at La Grange Bay telegraphed at 1 p.m. to-day that the latest reliable information just received shows that Biddles lost one schooner and two luggers; Lee Sing, one lugger; Debaun, one; Hawkes, one; M'Lachlan, one; Streeters, two; Gaskin, one; Talboys, one; Archer, one; Rubin, one; Barnes, one; Robinson and Norman one; Chamberlain, one schooner. Several of the above were smashed up and others were sunk.

Alexander M'Lachlan and Richard Gaskin and about 50 coloured men were drowned.

Amongst the survivors are Biddles, Bardwell, Badger, Stower, Sweetman, Chamberlain, Talboys, Miller, and Sutherland.

The losses are expected to reach thousands of pounds.

A telegram received by the Commissioner of Police from the constable stationed at Broome contained a similar list of wrecked vessels, with the addition that Ferris lost one lugger and Bardwell one. The police wire further states that the bodies had been recovered of Alexander M'Lachlan (pearler), one Japanese, and two Manila men. Richard Henry Gaskin is missing. Four constables are now patrolling the beach and burying the bodies.

A private wire received by the Trustee and Agency Company from Broome stated that the storm which occurred over an area between Chain Mangroves and Broome was particularly violent in the vicinity of La Grange Bay, where a larg proportion of the fleet was anchored on Saturday and Sunday. Bardwell's boat capsized, and many others lost their anchors, etc. Bardwell got ashore after swimming four hours. "Up till now," continues the wire, "we are without further definite particulars. Searchers along the coast have not had time to come in with reports. Two boats from the vincinity of La Grange Bay arrived here this afternoon. From statements of their crews we have hopes that the losses will not prove as heavy as first anticipated."

The Acting Premier received the following wire this afternoon from Mr. Male, M.L.A., at Broome: "Reports from Cape Frezier and Bossut, via La Grange, are of an alarming nature, and indicate a severe disaster to the pearling fleet, with the loss of many lives. As over 200 boats and probably 1500 lives are involved, I consider it necessary for you to arrange for the steamers Charon and Paroo to patrol the coast from Broome to Port Hedland."

The Acting Premier replied to Mr. Male stating: "I have arranged with Messrs. Dalgety to wire Captain Mills, of the Paroo, giving him an absolutely free hand to do whatever he considers best to save life and property. Will you consult with the Resident Magistrate, and arrange to send out any schooners available; also search and succour parties along the coast. I desire to express sympathy with the sufferers."

The fear of willy-willies and cock-eye bobs is continually with the pearling skippers. Several disasters have overtaken the fleet, while the coastal towns have often been wrecked. It is no uncommon thing to see the houses chained to the ground with heavy cables. The willy-willy comes with such suddenness and with such terrific violence that the houses are smashed and the iron scattered for miles. In the willy-willy season 3000 people of all nations from hundreds of luggers make from Broome. The visitor rubs shoulders with Japanese, Chinese, Malays, Filipinos, Javanese, Spaniards, Binghis, and men from most European countries. In midsummer Broome presents a very un-Australian aspect. The falling-off of the industry in Thursday Island sent in 1886 several pioneer pearlers round the north to Broome, and the industry increased until last year the "shell" was worth about £150,000, and the pearls something more than £125,000. On account of "sneiders," the estimate of pearls cannot be considered accurate. But always the fear of the willy-willy hangs over the industry. The worst storm on the coast was in 1887, when 100 boats were wrecked, and 200 men drowned. In December, 1906, 300 boats were wrecked at Golo Islands, and 800, mostly Japanese, drowned.

During this time of the year large numbers of luggers are generally plying their calling along what is known as the Ninety-mile Beach, stretching midway between Condon and Wallal in an easterly direction to a point some 30 miles on the Wallal side of Lagrange Bay. In reality the Ninety-mile Beach extends over 100 miles, and unfortunately there is not shelter of any description along this sandy waste for a lugger to seek protection in times of distress. It is difficult to say what the total loss of life and damage to the fleet has been until the beach has been examined from Wallal to Lagrange Bay.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE BRANCHES.

STATEMENT BY MR. W. M'LACHLAN.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In replying to the recent criticism of his department, the Postmaster-General stated that the Chief Electrical Engineer had a year ago made certain recommendations in a report on the telegraph and telephone branches which the Public Service Commissioner had refused to accept.

The Commissioner (Mr. M'Lachlan), referring to this to-day, said:—"The report of the Chief Electrical Engineer was written in reply to my suggestion, and closed with the statement that as the staff requirements of the department arose requisitions would be made with the view of meeting the situation. I notified the department that I had perused this report, and I naturally assumed that the department would carry out its expressed intention of submitting requisitions for the staff deemed to be necessary. It is understood that special provision for a new staff is being made on the forthcoming Estimates, and I am now, as always, willing to meet the department by creating any positions found on inquiry to be necessary. As a matter of fact, I have not refused to create any position in either Victoria or New South Wales in the professional division or in the technical branches for which the department has asked. With regard to the matter of the creation of the technical division of the service, the facts are as follows:—On several occasions officers comprising the classes of instrument fitters, enginedrivers, and fitters connected with the electric light work, etc., and foremen in the line construction branch have asked that a new division of the Public Service be created, in which their work should be separated from that of the rest of the general division, in which all officers not classed as professional or clerical are graded men. They were informed that the law made no provision for such subdivision, and it was not considered necessary under the circumstances. The question of providing an adequate system for ensuring the supply of efficient officers for the higher branches of technical work of the department has been under consideration by the Chief Electrical Engineer and myself. The Chief Electrical Engineer has made certain suggestions with regard to the examination of officers aspiring to fill positions in the higher ranks, and also with regard to the training of recruits for junior technical positions. I have endorsed such of the suggestions as were capable of immediate application, and with regard to others involving an extensive application of the system of examinations and reclassification of positions, I have deferred decision for the present in view of the possibility of further embarrassing the telephone and construction braches during a period of administrative difficulty. I am, however, not opposed in the majority of instances to the proposals made. No doubt much of the trouble in connection with the telephone system has been caused by the adoption of the toll system and other extended facilities recently granted before suitable arrangements has been made to place such system on a proper working basis. The department's requests for additional assistance have been met at all times, and during the past 15 months considerable increases in the staff have been granted, no fewer than 121 new additional telephone attendants having been appointed in New South Wales, and 137 in Victoria."

UNEMPLOYED AT BROKEN HILL.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Mr. Schey, director of the Labour Bureau, leaves to-night on his return to Sydney. He has wired a brief report to the Government on the local unemployed question, and will submit the full report before the end of next week.

A CORNER IN TRUCKS.

GAMBLE AT FARMERS' EXPENSE.

NO OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE.

The up-to-date business man, especially if he is not overburdened with scruples, can generally find a way to make money out of other people's misfortunes. There is not necessarily anything morally wrong in taking advantage of circumstances in order to turn an honest penny, and the ingenuity displayed in converting these opportunities into cold cash is often a subject for admiration. The drought, and the necessity for moving starving stock from eaten-out holdings to new pastures, presents a chance that is largely availed of to earn a little profit.

The method is for a man who may or may not in the ordinary course of business have extensive dealings with the Railway Department to create a "corner" in trucks. He sends an order, together with his cheque, for a certain number of waggons to be ready for use at a certain station on a given date. The place is certain to be in the drought country, and he takes the gambler's chance of having the weather in his favour. Then the farmer who has a genuine need for trucks finds that no rolling stock is available for the transhipment of his starving cattle to new pastures. Ruin stares him in the face. In a casual sort of way the gentleman who has made the "corner" learns of the farmer's plight, and sympathises with him. He has trucks ordered, and he needs them badly; but, since there appears no other hope for the farmer, perhaps he could arrange to let his business wait, and the farmer may have the trucks—for a consideration. The bargain is struck; the farmer gets the trucks, and pays for the accommodation a substantial advance upon the charges exacted by the Railway Department. But his stock is saved, and he is too well satisfied to complain.

The railway authorities state that no information is available to show that there is any gambling in railway stock. It is, however, admitted that such a system, even if it existed, would be very hard to detect; and until some specific case is brought under notice no action could be taken. It is quite possible that a person, expecting that he will have to remove his stock, orders trucks several weeks ahead, and is saved by a fall of rain, in which event he may allow some other person to use the trucks. But it is officially believed that no systematic gambling in trucks is carried on.

VICTORIAN RAILWAY SMASH

PREPARING FOR THE INQUEST.

JURY TO BE IMPANELLED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Dr. Cole, the coroner for Melbourne, who will conduct the inquest on the bodies of those killed in the railway accident at Braybrook on Easter Monday, did not consider that he required the assistance of a jury. He is, however, to be directed by the law officer of the Crown, under statutory provision, to impanel a jury. Dr. Cole made it clear from the outset that there would have to be Ministerial responsibility for such a course. It is expected that the inquest, which formally opens on Monday next, but will not really begin until May 11, will extend over several weeks.

When interviewed yesterday, Mr. Evans, M.L.C., who occupies the position of secretary of the Locomotive Enginedrivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association, said that he had no comments to make on the results of the official tests made on Tuesday with the Westinghouse brake. "We protested against this being made in the absence of Driver Milburn," he said. "It was their business, and we have no further concern with it." A statement from a resident of Sunshine, who witnessed the collision, will be given at the inquest. He expresses the opinion that the "brakes were put down hard and fast at the home signal," causing what appeared to be a line of fire to issue from the engine wheels. Experts say that the application of the emergency brake would have this effect. It might also be caused by the engines being reversed and the wheels skidding. Experienced drivers say that it would be extremely difficult for the wheels to revolve backwards in such circumstances. A set of questions were formulated by Professor Kernot and Mr. Selly (inspector and engineer for the Westinghouse Brake Company in Australia), who are assisting the Coroner in the preliminary inquiries to be asked Driver Milburn in case he (Milburn) was unable to attend the test on the day originally arranged, Sunday last. Milburn's counsel, however, refused to allow his client to answer them. The following are the questions:—(1) Where was the steam shut off approaching Braybrook? (2) What was the speed of the train at the time the steam was shut off? (3) When was the first application of the Westinghouse brake made after passing St. Alban's? (4) What was the air pressure registered in gauge at the time? (5) What reduction of air was made to apply the brake? (6) Was there a second application of the Westinghouse brake made? If so, where? (7) If the second application was made give the reduction made in the pressure. (8) What was the speed of the train when passing up the distant signal at Braybrook? (9) Was there an emergency application made of the Westinghouse brake? If so, where? (10) If an emergency application was made, what was the pressure gauge registering at the time? (11) What was the air pressure gauge registering when the engine was reversed? (12) Give the position as near as possible where the engine was reversed. (13) Was the regulator opened when the engine was reversed? (14) Where was the hand brake applied?

Driver Milburn is still in a weak state. To-day he left his bed for a few hours, but it will be some days before he will be completely restored to health. The Railway Department were to-day notified of 15 additional persons who received injuries in the railway collision. The number of injured now totals 393.

HUMAN FALLIBILITY.

MEDICAL OPINION.

The recent disastrous happenings on the railways of this and an adjoining State have provided wide discussion as to contributing causes to such accidents, and among them the question of human fallibility has been given prominence. This particular phase of the subject was fully treated by Dr. Knaggs, of this city, in a paper read by him at a meeting of the medical section of the Royal Society of New South Wales, in July, 1896. He pointed out that in the control of railways there were an all-but infallible brake, a thoughtfully arranged block system, automatic signals, interlocking gear, fog alarms, and electrical indicators—all so elaborated that theoretically no accident should take place "except by Divine permission;" yet the wretched item "human fallibility" continually cropped up and, with invariable precision, contributed its average numerical quota of misfortune. Dr. Knaggs traced this human fallibility to the following main factors:—"Automatic action," whereby a man, from long use, does a certain action in certain circumstances, and automatically does the same thing at a corresponding time in suddenly altered circumstances; "imperative idea," which is a curious, overmastering desire developed by some persons to do certain acts, without any cause, rhyme, or reason; "the condition and capacity of the faculty of observation possessed by the observers;" and "the mental condition of the observers, and their capacity at the time for the correct interpretation of what is to be observed." All these, the doctor showed by illustration, contributed to human fallibility, whereby, directly and indirectly, mistakes were made unconsciously or sub-consciously, and all too frequently disaster resulted. Dr. Knaggs concluded that the only safeguard would be the careful and periodical examination of those upon whom was dependent the safe transit of passengers. The present examinations, he contended, were too often delegated to unscientific, untrained, and often incompetent hands, as well as to persons who might give way to outside pressure and undue influence. He emphasised that strict attention to the senses and hearing and vision alone was not sufficient to ensure safety to travellers by either rail or ocean. The habits of life, idiosyncrasies, and general intellectual powers, in addition to the state of health of all concerned in the safe transit of all classes of passengers, should be carefully and periodically noted; every care and precaution taken to guard against long hours, overwork, excessive worry, and incidental sickness, and, as age increased, more exacting scrutiny as to the "nerve reflex" and general capacity should be studiously exercised.

THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

For some days after the railway collision officers of the department were busily engaged making an inventory of the property recovered from the killed and injured and the articles found amongst the train wreckage. The personal effects were then taken to the Lost Property Office, in Spencer-street, and the bulk of them have now been claimed and taken away. There is, however, a large number of articles awaiting claimants. Amongst the unclaimed property are several umbrellas, numerous articles of clothing, more or less damaged, and about 60 hats. There are also a few valuables awaiting owners.

DISABLED AT SEA.

THE AGE LOSES HER PROPELLER.

DISTRESS SIGNALS UNNOTICED.

TOWED TO SYDNEY BY THE ARAWATTA.

The A.U.S.N. Company's steamer Arawatta, which left here on Tuesday for Melbourne, returned to port yesterday with Howard Smith and Co.'s steamer Age in tow, disabled.

The Age left Port Pirie at noon on Wednesday week last with 800 tons of concentrates for Sydney direct. Everything went well until 3 p.m. on Sunday, when without the slightest warning the tail shaft snapped at the end of the stern tubing outside the vessel, and the propeller sank to the bottom. With the aid of all available canvas the Age made slow progress towards Sydney Heads, and was picked up by the Arawatta on Tuesday night and taken in tow. After the hawser had been cast adrift in Port Jackson the Arawatta resumed her voyage to Melbourne, and the Age was conducted by a tug to her wharf at the foot of King-street. The vessel is to be floated into dock as soon as possible, and after a new shaft and propeller have been fitted she will again take up her running between Sydney and Port Pirie.

THE CAPTAIN'S NARRATIVE.

Captain Banks, the master of the Age, said:—"We were 12 miles to the south-east of Ulladulla or Warden Head when the mishap occurred. The shaft suddenly snapped in a way that I cannot account for, and in an instant we were left helpless. A moderate southerly wind prevailed at the time, and there was a following sea.

"We immediately set all available sail. First of all, we set the two trisails and the two staysails, and then we collected all the awnings, tarpaulins, cargo covers, and other descriptions of canvas on board and rigged them up in a variety of ways. We had canvas set to the funnel and over the hatches—in fact, when we had finished we had a great spread of sail. Of course we stood off the land, but with a favourable breeze I had hopes of reaching Sydney Heads or picking up a tug. We passed Point Perpendicular (Jervis Bay) at 2 p.m. on Monday, about 10 miles off the land—too far off to signal a message for a tug. Strong southerly and south-easterly winds ruled throughout Monday, and assisted us greatly. That night the wind reached the force of a gale, accompanied by a following sea, and we sailed along at a speed of from four to five knots towards our destination. The Age, however, was in very light trim, and difficult to handle. She rolled severely in the heavy seaway.

"We signalled a number of vessels while we were disabled, but until the Arawatta came on the scene our signals were unnoticed. On Monday night a steamer crossed our bows about four miles off. By means of flashes of our lamps we signalled, "Propeller lost; communicate with us," but the vessel stood on her course without heeding us. On Tuesday the wind fell away, and we commenced to drift. We were now absolutely helpless, and at the mercy of the strong southerly and westerly currents, which carried us backward. At 4 p.m. on Tuesday we sighted a steamer with a yellow funnel going south. She was seven or eight miles off.

"The Arawatta was sighted at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, and we signalled her by means of distress rockets and detonators. These were seen at once, and the Arawatta bore down on us at full speed. We launched a boat, and with the second officer I boarded the Arawatta and had a conversation with Captain Tyrer, as a result of which he agreed to return to Sydney with the Age in tow. We were just a little to the northward of Wollongong when the Arawatta picked us up, and we arrived at Sydney at 10 a.m.

"We managed to sail 90 miles between 3 p.m. on Sunday and 10 p.m. on Tuesday. Captain Tyrer deserves great credit for the magnificent way in which he handled the Arawatta, and no man could have done more for us."

This is not the first time that the Age has been disabled through the loss of her propeller, for in December, 1906, she broke down in precisely the same manner, in almost the same place. On that occasion the Age was towed to Sydney by the Kadina.

ARRANGEMENT WITH A CABLE COMPANY

WRIT AGAINST COMMONWEALTH.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Another Commonwealth Act is to be tested in the law courts. The Eastern Extension Company, under a contract with the Federal Government, receives an annual subsidy in connection with the Tasmanian cable service, and in addition there is a "receipts guarantee" in which the Commonwealth guarantee that the annual receipts to the company shall not be allowed to fall below a certain fixed sum. In 1906 the Commonwealth Parliament passed an Act abolishing the cable rate of a halfpenny per word, which had previously been in force, and had really been the subject of the guarantee. Since then, therefore, the company has received only the bare sum originally guaranteed by the Commonwealth as a minimum. The company contends that during the continuance of the contract the Commonwealth was bound to continue the payment of the charge per word to the company. A writ has accordingly been issued by the Eastern Extension Company, claiming damages equal to the difference between the guaranteed amount and the amount of receipts if the halfpenny charge had been continued.

A SWALLOWED BULLET.

COUGHED UP FROM THE LUNGS.

SINGLETON, Wednesday.

About three months ago Oscar Bruderlin, 15 years of age, of South Singleton, accidentally swallowed a revolver bullet. Subsequently the youth was taken to the Dangar Cottage Hospital, suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy, and was an inmate for nine weeks, under the treatment of Drs. Maffey and Bowman. He was discharged as cured about a week ago, although he still felt trouble in his lungs, which, after several diagnoses, the medical officers were unable to trace. On Sunday, however, the boy was seized with a sudden fit of coughing, and, much to his delight up came the bullet which he three months previously had swallowed.

ST. GEORGE ELECTION.

THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

SECOND BALLOT NECESSARY.

Local interest ran high yesterday among Liberal supporters in the choice of their candidate for the vacant seat, and from 3 in the afternoon, from which time the ladies principally recorded their votes, up till 9.30 in the evening the interest was well sustained.

At the conclusion of the ballot at each centre the boxes were taken to Rockdale Town Hall, and the votes counted.

The result was as follows:—Taylor, 1064; Clayton, 697; Hurley, 245; Monohan, 160; Cooper, 153; Mackenzie, 2. As Mr. Taylor has not an absolute majority of the votes cast, another ballot will be taken on Friday, when the voters will have to choose between him and Mr. Clayton. Both the votes cast for Mr. Mackenzie, who was formerly member for Canterbury, came from the Oatley division. The details of the voting for the two leading candidates are:—

	Taylor.	Clayton.
Arncliffe	48	346
Bellevue	9	38
Bexley	203	61
Kogarah	168	92
Oatley	6	49
Rockdale	521	107
Sans Souci	109	4
Total	1,064	697

HARBOUR RESUMPTIONS.

ACTION OF GOVERNMENT CONDEMNED.

THE ROSE BAY PARK TROUBLE.

A public meeting was held at Rose Bay last evening to consider the reply received from the Lands Department as to the Cabinet's decision in regard to Tivoli Beach, which both the Woollahra Council and the local progress committee had urged the Government to resume as a public park, and thus save it from public auction.

The department's reply was very curt, simply stating that the Cabinet did not consider the importance of the district warranted the outlay—an amount representing less than £4500.

Intense disgust was expressed by all present at the decision of the Government, as the land is really the principal watering site between Sydney and Watson's Bay, and is frequented not only by the residents of a fast-growing suburb, but as a constant picnic and sports ground by the densely populated centres of Paddington, Waverley, and Woollahra.

The meeting, after due discussion, unanimously resolved to place on record the alarm and disgust with which the residents of Rose Bay viewed the shortsighted and unstatesmanlike decisions of the Government, and to at once approach the Woollahra Council by requisition urging that the land be resumed for public purposes by that body under the provisions of the new Local Government Act.

REBELLIOUS NORFOLK ISLAND.

REFUSES FEDERAL CONTROL.

OBJECTION TO FISCAL AND RACIAL POLICIES.

NORFOLK ISLAND, April 15.

A public meeting, called by Messrs. O. M. Quintal and J. F. Young, assembled in the clubroom on the 6th inst. There was a fair attendance, a considerable number being ladies. The business of the meeting was to consider the advisability of the island being placed under the Commonwealth.

After considerable discussion Mr. O. M. Quintal moved, and Mr. Joseph Quintal, sen., seconded,—"That a petition be signed by a committee appointed by this meeting, and forwarded to his Majesty the King, that it is not advantageous to the true interests of Norfolk Island that we should be connected by transfer or annexation in any manner or shape with the Commonwealth of Australia, on account (1) the very high tariff in shape of protection, (2) racial policy, (3) unsaleable market for our produce, (4) other reasons." The motion was carried by 48 (22 women) to 11.

An amendment proposed by the Rev. R. Nobbs, seconded by Mr. C. C. R. Nobbs,—"That this meeting be adjourned until a copy of the draft bill arrives," was negatived by 51 (including 21 women) to 14 votes.

LOOKING AFTER POSTERITY.

THE FOURTH GENERATION'S INTERESTS.

LEGAL PROCESSES DEFIED.

There has been considerable unrest lately with regard to the houses in town, and the course the Government intended to pursue with reference thereto. The occupants still cling to the idea that the houses were originally given to them, and will not sign the license proffered by the Government, which secures them in possession free until the end of the third generation, and after that the premises can be leased at a nominal rent, the only condition being to keep the houses in repair. The Chief Magistrate has done everything in his power to smooth matters, but as yet none have signed, and the situation has become acute. Notices were served on two of the occupants giving them 48 hours either to sign or give up possession, but as they would neither sign nor give up possession the Chief Magistrate and the police, on the expiry of the notice, proceeded to enforce the law. At the first house the lady fainted, and could not be removed, so in this case proceedings had to be suspended. At the next house the man had locked himself in and refused to give admittance, so the police effected an entry by the back door. At this stage, at the urgent request of a deputation, the Chief Magistrate, subject to the approval of the Governor, consented to stay proceedings until the arrival of the next steamer, as an important communication was expected from England by that mail, and matters are now in suspense. A big crowd had assembled, principally women, on the occasion, and the scene was very painful.

MANUFACTURE OF BARBED WIRE.

SYDNEY v MELBOURNE.

A VICTORIAN'S COMPLAINT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Raw material for barbed wire fencing can be imported into Sydney, manufactured, and re-imported into Melbourne cheaper than it can be landed at Melbourne direct. Indeed, a local manufacturer who exports to Sydney is penalised 4s 2d a ton. This was the purport of a complaint made by the Austral Nail Company Proprietary, Limited, at the meeting of the Harbour Trust to-day. "We beg to call attention to the effect of your regulation, 358, on our business as barbed wire manufacturers. Under the conditions of this regulation goods manufactured in any of the other States have to pay a wharfage rate of 1s per ton only. The effect of this is that the manufacturers in Sydney (who can generally get some advantage in foreign freights as against shipments to Melbourne) are put in a much better position than we are in for their goods here. They have to pay only 2s 6d per ton wharfage (2s 6d at Sydney, 1s at Melbourne), as against our 5s per ton; so that they can land goods in two Australian markets for less than we can in one. It is only recently that Sydney manufacturers have been in a position to offer barbed wire in this market; but it is manifest that they have facilities offered them that are denied to us. We do a large business in Sydney; and we have to pay full wharfage rates in both ports; and while we get no advantage from the Sydney authorities, we think it is unfair that we should be placed at a disadvantage in our own port by our own Harbour Trust. We hope you will see your way to remove this anomaly."

To this letter in the first instance a formal reply was sent that the harbour dues were fixed in proportion to the trade of each port; that the finance committee considered that nothing could be done. But to-day Commissioner M'Pherson carried a resolution referring the matter back to the committee, with a request that a conference be arranged between this and Sydney Harbour Trust, in order to secure reciprocal and fair treatment in such cases as the Austral Nail Company's.

CHARGE OF FELONIOUSLY WOUNDING.

AN ACQUITTAL.

JUDGE'S COMMENTS ON INDICTMENT.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

At the Circuit Court to-day, before Mr. Justice Simpson, Arthur Frances was charged with feloniously wounding James Thompson at Grabben Gullen on April 6, with intent to murder. He pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. S. F. Betts. Accused and Thompson were mates, living at a camp. On the evening of the day in question they were drinking. A quarrel arose over a dispute as to who could catch most rabbits. Accused, it was alleged, obtained a rifle, fired, and wounded Thompson in an arm. Thompson said that after he was shot he turned into bed.

Crown Prosecutor: Did you go to sleep?

Thompson: I must have. I woke up in the morning.

A young man, who went to the camp, deposed that accused fired at Thompson. Witness ran away. He drank a portion of a shilling's worth of rum on the way to the camp.

His Honor: Where did you get the water?

Witness: It was rum. (Laughter.)

His Honor: Did you drink it as it was?

Witness: Yes, your Honor.

His Honor: Pure rum you drank, a boy of 19!

Accused made a statement from the dock. He said he remembered very little of the evening; he got too much intoxicated.

In summing up, his Honor said somebody was to blame in a case like this for putting on the record this charge. The Crown Prosecutor was not responsible. There could have been other counts of maliciously wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, or unlawfully and maliciously wounding. It was possible, simply because other counts were not there, that a man who had done great harm could escape. He thought it a very serious thing that the Crown should adopt this course.

After 10 minutes' retirement, the jury acquitted the accused.

POUND-A-WEEK COUNCIL CLERKS.

UNION TAKES ACTION.

Mr. W. Duncan presided at a meeting of the United Clerks' Union held in the Trades Hall last night.

The principal business was a discussion with reference to an advertisement appearing in a recent issue of a daily paper in Sydney calling for applications for the position of temporary council clerk to the municipality of Dungog at a remuneration of £52 a year.

The meeting unanimously resolved to instruct its delegates to the Sydney Labour Council to bring this matter up at the next meeting, with a view to arranging for a deputation to meet the Premier with regard to remuneration under the Local Government Act.

BROKEN HILL UNEMPLOYED.

SUGGESTED METHODS OF RELIEF.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The general feeling here is that if the Government wishes to assist the Broken Hill unemployed it should either adopt the suggestions of the Non-Political Industrial Union, to lend the Umberumberka Water Trust £100,000 at 5 per cent., to assist the mines in carrying out a water scheme, or else proceed with the Menindie railway line. The majority of the public favour the water proposal.

Over 200 men have registered as unemployed to date. The figure 2000, wired on Monday, was an error on the part of an official.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.

NOTES FROM THE CONFERENCE.

THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

MR. KIDSTON WILL NOT WAIT.

POSSIBILITIES OF POSTPONEMENT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Premiers are undoubtedly extremely dissatisfied at the attitude of the Federal Government towards them over the financial proposals—the principal object of their meeting in Melbourne. Mr. Deakin is understood to have taken the matter entirely out of the hands of his colleague, Sir Wm. Lyne. Something "to go on with" is to be given to the Premiers to-morrow, but it is felt to be in the way of a sop to keep them quiet until next week.

The Premier of Queensland, Mr. Kidston, sails for England on Tuesday. He stated emphatically to-day that he will not remain any later whatever happens. This then means that the barometer is falling fast—that the chances of settlement of Australia's great problems is to be further postponed; for if Mr. Deakin is not ready until Monday or Tuesday, and Mr. Kidston leaves on Tuesday, Queensland will be without a representative at the conference when the subject comes on, and it cannot be disposed of in a few hours.

In an interview this evening Mr. Kidston stated that he absolutely will not consider any question of taking over debts unless there is a permanent settlement of revenue questions first. He affirmed that unless Mr. Deakin gives the conference something comprehensive to deal with to-morrow or Friday, it will be quite impossible for matters to be brought to a conclusion, and he will endeavour to get the Premiers to pass a resolution definitely postponing the whole thing until the conference is called together again next year.

The Surplus Revenue Bill introduced in the Federal Parliament is strongly opposed by Mr. Kidston, who is endeavouring to induce the Ministry to withdraw it. Mr. Deakin, of course, is absolutely unable to do so. The Labour party has taken possession of the measure, and riveted to it old-age pensions for the Commonwealth. "If it passes the House of Representatives," said Mr. Kidston, "we must use all endeavours to get it rejected by the Senate."

Other Premiers did not care to discuss the prospects to-day. The Tasmanian Premier (Captain Evans) is not very sanguine, but he said when asked his opinion that in all fairness he could not be expected to make any comment until the proposals are received. Mr. Wade was of the same mind.

The immigration question came in for some talk in the lobbies to-day. The State Ministers, as far as they have expressed any opinion, favour the view that the Commonwealth should confine itself generally to advertising the resources of the Commonwealth, leaving to the States the selection of the immigrants and the manner of dealing with them when they arrive. But this, with other matters, is for the future, and the Commonwealth Government is receiving by post the States' intimation that they want to be let alone.

The State Premiers have not failed to note the way in which the Federal Government have treated them. Invitations were issued to Ministers for the opening function, but neither Mr. Deakin nor Sir William Lyne was present. The Treasurer was away. Some salve is to be laid upon the sore feeling created by the giving of a banquet next week to the State Premiers by the Federal Government, and Mr. Deakin has informally lunched with them. Meanwhile, Federal and State finance has been an unfailing topic of conversation among the Premiers and their colleagues, and among all those who have gone to Melbourne, or are already there, specially concerned in the welfare of the continent. It is noticeable, among other things, that some of the Federal Ministers do not disguise their opinion upon the States and the attitude of the State Premiers. They insist that the latter are never satisfied, that there is too much of the "stand and deliver" in their tone, and that they must be taught their place. This does not make for peace, and some of the Premiers in their turn declare that the questions at issue must be relegated to the people. If this conference fails they say the next conference will be one to arrange a fighting platform, and so the possibilities of friction multiply.

As to the financial question, Mr. Deakin declares that the settlement or extension of the Braddon clause must be taken in conjunction with the taking over of the debts, and on present showing the Federal Government is likely to insist that it must be all the debts or none. Upon this rock the conference may split, because more than one Premier says that he will never consent to anything of the sort, especially if it is to be accompanied by a demand for a lien upon such an important State asset as the railways. The general position taken is that there must be concessions. The States cannot afford to stand too much upon their dignity, since the Commonwealth is surely but steadily driving them to the wall, but the Premiers certainly will decline to consider any surrender which must limit their powers or prejudice rights conserved under the Federal Constitution.

Labour is represented in the person of a Minister by the Acting Premier of South Australia, Mr. Kirkpatrick. The Federal Labour party have decided to entertain him at luncheon to-morrow. The function will be a private one, at which there will be no speeches.

THE CORNSACK PROHIBITION.

DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

STOCK EXCHANGES' "AGRESSIVE ATTITUDE."

JOINT ACTION PROPOSED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The State Premiers commenced their deliberations at 10 o'clock this morning at the State Parliament House.

STAMP DUTIES ON SECURITIES.

Mr. Peake moved,—"That in the opinion of this conference a respectful request be made to the Imperial Government to abolish the rate of stamp duty on Australian securities issued in London."

This matter was brought before the Brisbane conference last year, and carried in the form of a reduction of duties. At that time it was stated that the matter had already been brought forward at an Imperial Conference; but it is understood that nothing has been done.

Mr. Peake said: "The case is that on the stock of, I presume, all colonial States the Imperial Government charges 12s 6d per cent. for compounding stamp duties on inscribed stock, and 17s 6d on uninscribed stock. The rate was formerly much lower, but it has been increased. The position that we, as politicians and Ministers charged with the important matter of negotiating loans for the States, take up is that we have fair ground for objection to any such tax being imposed at all. Why should the Crown tax the Crown? For that reason, instead of proposing what South Australia proposed at the Brisbane conference, I now ask the conference to agree to the Imperial Government being approached with a view to the abolition of this tax."

Mr. Waddell seconded the motion.

Mr. Wilson thought the conference could hardly ask the Imperial Government to abolish this duty unless they were prepared to abolish similar duties between the States; and, to use Mr. Peake's argument that the Crown should not tax the Crown, he said they would have to carry the motion much further, so as to embrace all that description of transactions as between State and State and Commonwealth. As far as his State was concerned, he was prepared to support the motion.

Mr. Urquhart suported the motion.

Mr. Moore (W.A.) pointed out that in his State a duty of 1s for every £100 or fraction thereof is charged on the transfer of stock, while in New South Wales the duty is 1s 6d on every £25, and in Tasmania 2s 6d for the first £100 and 5s for every £100 additional. To be consistent, he said, some interstate agreement should be made before the Imperial Government was approached with a request to do away with a certain amount of revenue.

Mr. Waddell was against this argument. "I think it would be wiser to deal with this matter as between the British Government and ourselves first and separately," he remarked. "There may be a little difference of opinion as regards what should be done where one State is raising a loan in another State. Western Australia, for instance, may want to raise a loan in New South Wales and issue stock.

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Under our Stamp Duties Act a certain duty would have to be paid. I think that matter requires a little consideration. I speak as a New South Wales man, and should naturally feel that another State should not come to our market to issue loans at all, because it makes it harder for us to get money; and with our great development in public works and other things we want all we can get. If we mix the two questions up they will not be very well debated; if we deal with the one as regards asking the English Government to remove these duties we shall be unanimous. I should like a little time to consider whether stamp duty should be charged on stock or bonds issued in one State by another State."

Mr. Moore: I would still suggest the advisability of altering the motion to place it on a proper basis. I would prefer it to read: 'That in the opinion of this conference of Australian State Premiers a respectful request be made to the Imperial Government to abolish stamp duties on colonial stock issued in London.'"

"This discussion has raised an interesting question with reference to taking the beam out of our own eye first," said Mr. Mackinnon. "As far as Victoria is concerned, we make no charge in these cases, and Victoria is a centre from which money is obtained in this way. I do not think any harm would be done by voting for the amendment. I cannot help feeling, however, that we should thoroughly understand where we are before we cumber the motion with the addition proposed."

Mr. Wilson moved,—"That the following words be added to the motion:—'And that all duties on the issue of Government stock and bonds within the States be abolished.'"

Mr. Bent then gave some of his experiences in his characteristic style. He said: "I did not want to interfere at this stage, but I ought to tell you the story of what happened in London a year ago. I started off from here with four millions to convert, and when I got to London the first thing that came under my notice was this 12s 6d per cent., because it meant one-fifth. We were paying 3½ per cent. The only thing I had to do was to go to Lord Elgin, and he did not seem to know anything at all about it. Thank God, he is not there any longer. I pointed out to him that the charge of 12s 6d was outrageous; but he thought not. I went to the bank, and to Lord Carrington, who used to be Governor of New South Wales. I went to Mr. Churchill also, and they all admitted that it was outrageous to have to pay this 12s 6d. It was taken up by the conference in London, but the question was not put in a very practical form. It was simply in the clouds, and I pointed out that this charge was outrageous; but it was not a bit of good. I said: 'Well, gentlemen, we will get that three millions in Victoria, and you will only get the charge on £300,000.' Look at the enormous sum Australia is paying at every stage. These English people are doing all they can to get the sovereigns from us. That was their game all the time I was in England. If we agree to 5s, and are unanimous, surely the States can manage the rest of it."

The clerk read the resolution.—"That in the opinion of this conference a respectful request should be made to the Imperial Government to abolish the stamp duty on the issue of colonial Government securities "B" to the Governments of the Australian States; to abolish all duties on the issue of stock and bonds within the States."

A proposal by Mr. Wade to put the whole position into one comprehensive motion as follows was agreed to:—"That it is desirable that the stamp duty on the issue of all colonial Government securities should be abolished by the Imperial Government and all colonial Governments; and that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to each Government affected."

EXCHANGE ON LONDON.

Mr. Peake moved.—"That in the opinion of this conference a reciprocal arrangement should be entered into between the Australian States with respect to London and interstate exchanges." He pointed out that the matter was important to all the States. Only a few months back the South Australian Government found great difficulty in getting their money to London without having to pay somewhat heavy exchange upon it. They had been paying a premium up to 7s 6d per cent., instead of the Government getting a premium for the use of the money while in transit. Not only was that the case, but they found that the banks were charging higher rates than they were charging their ordinary customers. That was an extraordinary position for the Government to find itself in. When one State had money in London and another State wished to deal with the remission of money to London an arrangement might be come to whereby the different States might communicate with each other as to what moneys they had in one State or what moneys they had in London, so that a State having to send to another State or to London would be in the position of knowing to what extent another State was capable of helping it, and thereby of helping itself at the same time.

Mr. Waddell agreed that by the different States and Premiers working into one another's hands in this way considerable sums might be saved. He would prefer not to have a binding agreement, because at times when they wanted to act expeditiously it might be inconvenient to be tied by an agreement of this kind. If there was a general understanding that each State knew that all the other States would act in the way suggested that should be sufficient.

The position of Western Australia was considered, for if the banks proved recalcitrant gold could not be shipped under escort to the eastern States to meet liabilities. Western Australia has an agreement with the banks for special rates of exchange on London, and is bound down to send all money to London by the contracting banks. On this account it was agreed to accept the motion, with the words "As far as practicable" inserted after "arrangement."

STOCK EXCHANGES.
THEIR CONTROL OF FLOTATIONS.

"That in the opinion of this conference joint legislation is desirable in order to regulate Australian Stock Exchanges in dealing with Government securities." This was moved by Mr. Peake, who said: "The question was raised about two years ago by the then Premier of New South Wales that joint action might very well be taken to resist the aggressive attitude displayed by the Stock Exchanges of several Australian States; and he strongly advised that united action should be taken by the Governments to introduce legislation for the regulation of Stock Exchanges. We, in our turn, speaking for the South Australian Government, have lately been in the position of having to raise money. So far as possible we endeavoured to raise what we required at the time in the Commonwealth without going to the London market at all; but we were confronted by the Stock Exchange in one of the other States. They wished first of all to impose rates of brokerage, at less than which they would not work or give a quotation for our stock at all. That is the difficulty we felt. The brokerage was for floating the loan. Further, they said that this must be done through a recognised member of the Stock Exchanges. We maintain that the difficulty is one, as indicated by the late Premier of New South Wales, which has been felt by others. We thought it was an altogether incongruous position that the Stock Exchanges of Australia should dictate terms to any Government as to how much money it should raise, and say that the terms of brokerage should be so and so, and that unless the Government agreed to the terms they would, as far as they were able, discourage the issue of Government securities. The Stock Exchange of London, we know, has controlled the issues of England and of foreign Governments. We have felt the immense power of that Exchange. One or two gentlemen connected with that Exchange have practically the control of Australian stocks in their hands. It may not be a very wise thing to fall out with those gentlemen. You, Mr. President, will know particularly one to whom I am referring. We have been told to keep on good terms with a certain gentleman. That only shows us how great the power of one or two English gentlemen is who are connected with that Exchange, and the question arises whether we are going to still further complicate matters by allowing a similar state of things to spring up in Australia. In addition to the burden and difficulty of dealing with the London Stock Exchange, are we going to tolerate a system that is aiming to grow up in Australia to control Government stock in the same way as the Stock Exchange controls them at home? We know in the case of England that it is the recognised custom for all financial institutions to engage brokers to buy or sell stocks or shares. When it is considered that thousands of millions are raised in London and lent to all parts of the world it is readily understood that a special body of men should form themselves into a corporation to deal with these matters. We feel that the time is ripe at a conference such as this in the interests of the various States to say to these gentlemen that they will not be allowed to disparage public securities in the way they have tried to do."

Mr. Wade: It is important to know how you can check this by legislation.

Mr. Peake: We could at least say that Stock Exchanges shall not take up this position; that they will not allow State securities to be quoted, and that these securities must be hall marked, so far as the Stock Exchange is concerned.

Mr. Ashton: Suppose that each individual member of the Stock Exchange agrees with the others that he would not quote New South Wales stock. How are we to deal with him?

Mr. Kidston: That would be conspiracy.

Mr. Peake: There would be a way, no doubt. We find the Stock Exchange taking up this attitude in respect to members of that body, that they will not allow one member of the Exchange to deal with Australian stocks unless you allow the whole body to do so.

Mr. Ashton: It is the remedy that puzzles me.

Mr. Peake: I have not at present to indicate details of a measure. I am only proposing to affirm the necessity of some legislation in order to deal with this question. I think that at the New South Wales conference two years ago Mr. Bent expressed himself strongly on this question, and since that time I believe he has felt some of the difficulties. The New South Wales Premier also expressed himself strongly to the effect that we should not allow the exchanges to fetter public securities in that way.

Mr. Waddell: I think we might get something done in this respect; but I am not very sanguine of doing anything in the direction Mr. Peake indicates. We pay just double what is paid in London. We have to pay 10s per £100 for inscribed stock and 5s for debentures or Treasury bills. I am asked whether we could not regulate that charge. I am not sanguine in that matter. I think it is a difficult matter to deal with by legislation. If the States refused to give more than was paid in England it is possible we might get brokers to agree to that. We are not entirely dependent of brokers in our State, and I suppose the same thing applies in the other States. We get locally what is paid into the Treasury.

Mr. Mackinnon: Over the counter.

Mr. Waddell: Yes; but if we were to try to legislate we would get into difficulties.

Mr. Wade: Those of us who have been at the Treasury particularly, and Ministers generally, will recognise the difficulties that will occur in connection with the attitude adopted by brokers from time to time. They have the opportunity of bringing pressure to bear adversely against the Government, pressure that may be the result of a secret organisation, the nature of which we can only guess. Take the case referred to by Mr. Peake. That was practically a boycott of colonial stock. If we went so far as to legislate against such a boycott and say that it should be illegal, the law could be evaded by each broker saying, "I am not going to deal in or take any part in transactions connected with a particular stock." The whole of the members of a Stock Exchange might adopt an attitude of indifference if not of hostility, and the result would be the same. I fail to see what measure could be enacted which would empower the Government to enforce brokers under penalty to refrain from what after all is a silent boycott. That being so, unless we can by some scheme follow the resolution by practical action I do not think it would be well to pass it in its present form.

Mr. Wilson: I am bound to agree with Mr. Wade in the conclusions he has just expressed. As far as Western Australia is concerned, we have always paid the regulation rates in the States of half per cent.

Mr. Waddell: What rates are proposed?

Mr. Peake: Probably if I were asked I would say half the present rates.

An amendment "that the word legislation be omitted, and the word action substituted," was agreed to, and the resolution passed.

Captain Evans: At the conferences held two years, three years, four years, five years, and six years ago, resolutions of a similar nature were adopted. What has been done to bring them into effect? How is the joint action to be taken?

On the motion of Mr. Swinburne the following was agreed to:—"That the State Treasurers be a committee to give effect to the foregoing resolution, and that Mr. Waddell be convener; the committee to report the recommendations to the conference."

AUDIT OF AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES IN LONDON.

Mr. Peake moved—"That in the opinion of this conference, arrangements should be made for an audit of Australian securities in London as far as possible." He said an effort should be made to do what is practicable in exercising some check on the securities now current in London. Altogether it may be assumed that pretty well £200,000,000 of Australian securities are floating about London, and there is no check or audit upon them. That is to say, that some day in consequence of the loose way in which Australian securities are handled there may be very serious forgeries of Australian certificates.

Mr. Waddell: If the other States are in the same position as New South Wales there is not much danger of forgery. The London and Westminster Bank deals with some of our stock.

Mr. Wilson: They take the risk. I think you would be wise in withdrawing the motion. We have an agreement with the London and Westminster Bank, and they have to manage and take charge of our stock. They have their own auditors. We are satisfied that we are not taking an undue risk.

The motion was withdrawn.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION.
CORNSACK STANDARDISATION.

This question was brought up by Mr. Wade, who moved—"That the regulation of the size of cornsacks is a question of State concern, and joint legislation is desirable in that direction."

The real question, Mr. Wade said, was between the Commonwealth and the States as to whether the proposals recently made by the Commonwealth were an invasion of State rights or not. Underlying it was the undue burden that might be cast upon labouring men, wharf-labourers in particular, in dealing with filled sacks of inordinate size. "So far as my experience in New South Wales goes," he continued, "as a rule the sacks used for carrying corn and other grain are not of a size beyond the endurance of labouring men. But there are from time to time no doubt instances in which sacks of undue size come down from the country, and are almost too much for ordinary men to carry."

Section 52 of the Customs Act, which uses the words in regard to prohibited imports, "all goods the importation of which may be prohibited by proclamation," Mr. Wade considered was never intended to give the Minister for Customs power practically to prohibit if he thought fit every single article of commerce coming in. "If the section were to bear this interpretation," he said, "the sooner the Courts declared it to be so the better for all concerned." The point he submitted was whether in taking this action the Minister for Customs did not exceed the jurisdiction placed in him by the Constitution and Customs Act, and that the point should be tested quite apart from the merits of the cornsack question. He had been informed by Dr. Cullen, K.C., an acknowledged constitutional authority, and his juniors, Mr. Pollock and Mr. Flannery, that this power which the Minister of Customs purported to use to prohibit cornsacks was beyond what was given him by the Constitution.

Mr. Mackinnon: Was that not merely as to the mode of exercise of the power by proclamation? The proclamation is supposed to be had; but power exists in the Commonwealth Parliament.

Mr. Wade: The point is this. The distinction is between government by Parliament and government by the Executive. I am not prepared to say that the Commonwealth Parliament may not pass laws saying that cornsacks may not be imported.

Mr. Kidston: You do not question their right to impose a duty of a thousand per cent?

Mr. Wade: There is no question that Parliament may by process of taxation indirectly prohibit the importation of almost any article, and perhaps may further do it by saying directly that a certain article may not be imported. The point I take is that the Executive cannot take the place of Parliament, and by an action having the force of law declare that articles may not be imported. If this power, which I may call almost the power of legislation, exercised by the Executive, is sound and constitutional, it may be exercised in all directions. It is a point which might have been raised at the time the measure went through the Commonwealth Parliament; but no doubt it was overlooked. Although it is not grounds for general complaint, there is no doubt that bags come from Sydney which are of excessive size, and of a size absolutely beyond the limits of the capacity of an ordinary man to deal with. If we want to claim our just rights I think we ought to put ourselves in a sound position.

Captain Evans expressed himself in accord with the resolution. He thought it would be far better if they decided that a test case should be taken as to the position the Commonwealth had taken up. Continuing, he said: "As the majority of the Tasmanian farmers are more interested in oats than wheat, I am going to base my calculations on this cereal. The present sack holds 4 bushels or 160lb of fair average quality oats. If this is a fact then the proposed sack will hold 27lb less. Say, for instance, that a farmer has a thousand bushels, this will mean that instead of requiring 250 sacks at, say, 6s per dozen, he will need to have 301 at, say, 6s 3d per dozen, making a difference of £1 11s 9d extra. The additional twine will cost 4d extra, labour; cartage, sewing, handling, etc, at the low estimate of, say, 2d per bag, 8s 6d; making a total of £2 0s 7d, which is a direct tax on every 1000 bushels of oats; and when oats are low in price, such as they were a few years ago, it is a big item. With peas and wheat the difference will be £1 13s 8d per 1000 bushels, based on the same scale. This is a matter entirely of local concern; and I think it should be left solely in the hands of the States to deal with; but if the Commonwealth are all powerful in this matter, what is the use of our passing this resolution? I would prefer some resolution upon which the whole of the States would test the case and see whether the matter is in our hands or in the Commonwealth's hands."

The President: I suppose Mr. Wade would go for a test case. I wish he would.

Mr. Wade: I am quite willing to do that.

Mr. Swinburne: On the principle, not on the size of the bags?

Mr. Wade: Yes.

Mr. Kirkpatrick thought there was a strong case in favour of reform, but whether it should be done by State or Federal powers he was not prepared to say.

Mr. Kidston held the opinion that the restrictions of the size of bags was a proper thing. The question was whether the Commonwealth, in issuing a proclamation of this kind, was trenching on the functions of the States; and he was willing to assist in having the matter decided.

Mr. Moore pointed out that in the case to be submitted to the High Court two points would have to be decided—whether the Act was within the powers conferred by the Constitution, and whether the proclamation was ultra vires or not.

The motion was added to by Mr. Wade and agreed to in the following form:—"That the regulation of the size of cornsacks is primarily a matter of State concern, and joint legislation is desirable; that this conference agrees to contribute per capita to the cost of any action it may be thought desirable to institute on the part of any State to test the constitutionality of the Commonwealth proclamation."

The matter will be taken in hand by Mr. Wade.

PERMANENT SECRETARY.

It was agreed, with a view of preserving the continuity of the conference and of securing the systematic disposal of resolutions and decisions arrived at, that Mr. Wade should be made executive officer to the conference, and that he appoint an officer to keep a permanent record of the decisions that require to be given effect to after the conference disperses, the salary of the officer to be £150 per year.

The conference adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THE ALLANDALE TRAGEDY.

RESUMPTION OF THE INQUEST.

VICTIM'S MOTHER GIVES EVIDENCE.

BLOODSTAINED TROUSERS FOUND.

UNDER A STOREROOM FLOOR.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The adjourned inquest concerning the death of the young girl, Lilian Bridge, whose terribly butchered body was discovered by her father in a paddock a short distance from his residence, at Allandale, on the night of the 12th instant, was resumed before the Coroner, Mr. T. H. Wilkinson, at the courthouse this morning. The court was again crowded with spectators. Frederick Davies Green, aged 28, who had been arrested by the police on the morning after the discovery of the murder, was present. Mr. R. Windeyer, instructed by Mr. W. J. Enright, appeared to watch the case on his behalf. Superintendent Saunders conducted the case on behalf of the police.

Frances Anne Bridge, mother of the deceased, deposed that she did not know why Lily left the Greens'. She saw a good deal more of Fred. than of the other Green boys. He was at her place at about 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the murder. He chatted with her first, and then talked to her daughter Sarah. Deceased came in while he was there. Fred. Green used to wear a faded suit—one that had been worn a good deal. The coat and vest produced were like those worn by Fred. Green. The trousers he wore were something of the same colour, and faded. The trousers produced were not the old trousers Green used to wear. He was wearing old trousers on Monday, but she was not sure whether he was wearing them on Tuesday. About a fortnight before she left her employment, deceased complained about Fred. Green, and said: "I don't like him, and I wish he would not follow me about so much."

Sarah Catherine Bridge, sister of the deceased, deposed that she lived with her grandmother, at Scone. She came down for the Easter holidays. On Tuesday she saw Fred. Green several times. He was working in the cellar in front of their door. She was speaking to him late in the afternoon before tea for about 10 minutes. He was then in her mother's house sitting down. She was on the opposite side of the room to Fred. Green, about two or three yards away. He had an old faded suit on. She was certain he was wearing the coat and trousers, but was not sure about the vest. The trousers produced were not like the old ones Fred. Green was wearing. The coat he was wearing was something near the ones produced. She could not say whether her sister and Fred. Green were sweethearts, and could not say whether any ill-feeling existed between the members of her family and the Green family.

Oswald Leslie Hawkins, farmer, stated he saw Fred. Green at the railway station, Allandale, at 6.30 p.m. on the 14th inst, and spoke to him half an hour before the train arrived. Green was dressed in a working-clothes suit, all alike, so far as he remembered, and slightly faded. He was wearing a hard-felt hat and black boots. The coat Green was wearing was similar to the one produced. On Tuesday evening Green was wearing clothes similar to those he was wearing on Saturday, but he could not say whether he was wearing the trousers produced. He did not take particular notice. Green left the railway station at the viaduct end. That was the last he saw of him.

Walter Peter Keith Green deposed that he resided at Allandale with his parents, and assisted his father to manage the property. He had known Lilian Bridge about three years. He did not see deceased on the day of the tragedy, but spoke to her on the previous Tuesday at his father's house. On his way home after 9 o'clock from a friend's place he crossed the dam, and met his father, who told him what had happened. His father took them to within a few yards of the body. His brother Fred was there. Witness spoke to Fred after the Maitland police arrived. Mr. Earle was present, and his brothers, Dudley and Bert, were within hearing. He did not say anything about the murder. He did not notice what clothes Fred was wearing that evening. He had seen him with clothes like the coat and vest produced. He had seen him with a pair of trousers to match the coat and vest. The last time he noticed him wearing them was two or three weeks prior to the 14th inst. but could not say whether he was wearing them or not on the night of the murder when he was at the tentable. If his brother Fred had told anybody he threw the trousers away six months ago it would be a mistake.

To Mr. Windeyer: Witness, his father, and brother had made careful search to see if any tools were missing, but none were gone.

To Superintendent Saunders: They used a bung adze or bung hammer similar to the one produced. It was used in the cellar. He had seen three or four of them. He could not say whether one of the tools was missing. Anyone going out by the wicket gate would have to pass the shed in which the tools were kept. The conclusion his father and he had come to was that if any tools were missing they did not know.

Dudley Green deposed that his brother Fred. was wearing a pair of trousers like the coat and vest produced a couple of months before the murder. He believed they were at home, hanging in the kitchen. He first noticed them three or four days ago. He heard the police were looking for a pair of trousers, but he did not tell them they were there, because they did not ask him. He knew the police had searched the kitchen. He did not notice whether his brother was wearing the dark trousers produced on the morning after the murder when daylight came. He noticed a few hours subsequently that Fred. had on different trousers from the coat and vest. He may have told three people at Allandale that after daylight he noticed that Fred. was wearing new trousers. He did not tell them that he had changed his trousers. He noticed the trousers particularly because he had not seen them before. He did not know anything about the trousers being found under the floor of the room adjoining the toolhouse. The trousers produced were marked for identification. He did not notice on Tuesday night, the 14th instant, whether Fred. was wearing the trousers marked for identification. Neither could he say whether he was wearing the coat and vest he had on now. He believed he was wearing an old coat and vest. If Fred. said the old trousers he wore with the old coat and vest had been thrown away six months ago it could be correct; but he believed they belonged to the old coat and vest in court. He looked over the cooper's tools and other tools, but could not tell whether any were missing, because there were too many. The tool produced was a cooper's adze. He believed there were four of them. There was one in the cellar now; and he thought there was more than one at home. He could not say positively whether an adze was missing.

Constable Moore, stationed at Lochinvar, deposed that he had been engaged from the time the murder of Lilian Bridge was reported up till to-day searching in the neighbourhood. He produced a pair of trousers, which he found this morning at about half-past 10, under the floor of an outhouse at the rear of Green's residence. It appeared to be a storeroom. He had compared the material with the clothes Fred. Green was now wearing, and found that the material and pattern corresponded and the name on the buttons—that of Morgan, M'Lellan, and Co., West Maitland—corresponded with the name on the tab of the coat. The trousers were largely blood-stained on both legs from the knee downwards on the front, and there were also stains on the back of them. The trousers apparently were secreted. The building was about 18 inches off the ground, and he found the trousers about 6 feet from the backwall. He lifted a slab up, which was loose, and got down under the floor. It was possible to squeeze in under the ground plates.

The inquest was further adjourned until Monday next for the production of further evidence.

Constable Moore will proceed to Sydney tonight to have the trousers found this morning examined by the Government Analyst. The accused takes matters very coolly and unconcernedly.

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THE TARIFF.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS DEFEATED.

BROKEN PROMISES.

THE TREASURER ANGRY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The feature of the tariff debate in the House of Representatives was the defeat of the Government on no fewer than three occasions. The Ministry would have sustained a fourth reverse if the committee had divided. The items on which they were beaten were cotton socks, sheet lead, and lead piping, and agricultural, horticultural, and viticultural machinery. The Opposition victory on socks was most decisive, the voting between 29 to 17. The division on the machinery section was equal; but the chairman gave his casting vote against the Government. The Treasurer (Sir William Lyne), as usual, lost his temper after each defeat.

By the time the tariff is finished the Treasurer will have established a record for breaking promises made to members. The number of such instances would be difficult to estimate. Even when it is in black and white Sir William will find an excuse for going back on his original proposals. Last Wednesday he announced to the House the attitude of the Government in regard to the requests of the Senate. Three lists were printed, one showing the recommendations approved by Ministers. One of these was cutlery, on which the Senate had reduced the duty from 20 to 15 per cent. Sir William Lyne, however, moved to disagree with the suggestion. Even the Government supporters were astonished at this move. On being reprimanded for his conduct the Treasurer became indignant. His explanation was that he had stated that there were some items on which he had not made up his mind; and cutlery was one of them. He also repeated his performance of last week by refusing to keep to an agreement entered into with members of the Opposition when the tariff was first before the House.

Excellent progress was made; but it is doubtful whether the tariff will be ready for the Senate when it meets next Wednesday.

The Government suffered a reverse on cotton socks. They were anxious to adhere to the duty passed by the House, viz., 25 per cent. The Senate recommended that the articles be placed on the free list. A motion that the Senate's request be disagreed with was defeated by 29 votes to 27. The Treasurer was annoyed at the result. He said, "I don't like so much of this lobbying." (Loud laughter.)

Buckles, clasps, slides, buttons, fringes, n.e.i., braids, n.e.i., piping, gimp, n.e.i., tinsel cloth, tinsel belting, and thread had been taken out of the item, trimmings and ornaments 25 per cent., and made free. Sir William Lyne accepted this suggestion, which was agreed to.

The next seven recommendations were adopted without debate. A duty of 20 per cent. was imposed on natural or imitation hair. The Senate divided it into three sections. Wigs, transformations, and fringes were made dutiable at 10s each, or 20 per cent., whichever rate returns the higher duty; switches, 5s each or 20 per cent., and hair nets and n.e.i., 20 per cent. The House acceded to the wishes of the Senate.

Members then proceeded to deal with the alterations in firearms. No attempt was made to interfere with the duty; but in nearly every case it was suggested that the words "bearing the British or other approved test mark," be added. The House decided to accept the additions. A new sub-section to this item was inscribed by the Senate. It read: "Guns or rifles fitted with barrels which do not bear the British or other approved test mark, or such barrels imported separately for double-barrelled gun or rifle, or barrel for such per single barrelled gun or rifle, or barrel for such, £5 each."

At the instance of Mr. Dugald Thomson the following words were inserted after the word mark: "Or do not prior to 1st October, 1908, pass a test in Australia prescribed by the Minister." The recommendation was then accepted.

ANOTHER DEFEAT.

The Treasurer's temper was not improved when sheet lead and lead piping had been disposed of. Originally the duty was fixed at 50s ton, but the Government had to abandon their proposal, the House putting it on the free list. Senators asked that the impost should be 20s per ton. Sir William Lyne was willing to accept this; but members by 27 votes to 23 refused to depart from the course decided by them last year.

A request that cane unloaders and cane harvesters be included and road-making ploughs be omitted from agricultural machinery, etc., was carried by 28 votes to 18. Discs for agricultural implements instead of carrying a duty of 25 per cent., will be free as recommended by the other Chamber.

When item 148 left the House of Representatives it applied among other articles to dairy refrigerators. The Senate favoured the application of a duty of 25 per cent. to all refrigerators, and no opposition was to-day offered to the suggestion.

THIRD SETBACK.

More trouble was in store for the Government. They met with their third defeat in less than two hours. It had been recommended that testers and pasteurizers, etc., should be allowed to come in free. The Ministerial proposal was 10 per cent., and the Treasurer urged the House not to accept the request. When the numbers went up each side had 24 votes, and much to Sir William Lyne's disgust, the Chairman (Mr. McDonald) announced that he intended to give his casting vote against the Government. The division was as follows:—

Ayes, 24—Messrs. Batchelor, Chapman, H. Cook, Coon, Crouch, Deakin, Ewing, Groom, Hall, Harper, Hutchison, Sir William Lyne, Mahon, Maloney, Mathews, O'Malley, Page, Salmon, Storrer, J. Thomson, Tudor, Watkins, Wilks, Wise.

Noes, 25—Messrs. Archer, Atkinson, Bowden, T. Brown, Carr, J. Cook, Sir John Forrest, Forster, Foxton, Fraser, Glynn, Johnson, Kelly, Knox, Liddell, Livingston, McWilliams, Poynton, Reid, Sampson, Spence, G. Thomson, Willis, Wynne, McDonald.

Mr. T. Brown (N.S.W.) then asked the Treasurer to agree to the Senate's suggestion for the inclusion in the next item of sheep-shearing machinery, not including the flexible shafting or any part above it, free. But Sir William was very angry about the last vote. "I was going to leave that," he said, "but now I won't. I don't care how long you talk."

Mr. T. Brown: I understood that the Government was anxious to dispose of the tariff.

A SURLY TREASURER.

Shortly afterwards the Treasurer left the Chamber, and the Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. H. Cook) took charge. He was the only Minister present.

Dr. Liddell took exception to the conduct of Sir William Lyne. He had been very surly after the last division. Everything went smoothly when Sir William Lyne was away; but immediately he entered the House trouble commenced.

Mr. Page (Q.): You know, doctor, we cannot expect him to have a good bedside manner. (Laughter).

Several members urged the hon. Minister to agree to the request before his colleague returned. "You will make a name for yourself throughout Australia if you do," said Mr. Page.

"He will get into serious trouble if he does when the Treasurer comes back," interjected several Ministerialists; but immediately Sir William Lyne returned the motion was put and carried on the voices. Sir William Lyne knew the opposition was too strong, and did not call for a division.

Mr. Reid: Flattened out. (Laughter).

A BROKEN PROMISE.

The Treasurer frequently gets himself into hot water over broken promises. The Government circulated a list of requests, which they intended to accept. Among these was cutlery of all kinds n.e.i. 15 and 10 per cent. Sir William said he would oppose the recommendation because he did not want to go below the last tariff of 20 per cent.

Mr. D. Thomson reminded him of the list issued by him. But protests were in vain. The Treasurer wriggled out of the position by saying that when making the announcement regarding the Senate's requests he had stated that there were several on which he had not made up his mind. Of course cutlery was one of those items.

Mr. Reid: But that list was printed by the Government Printer of Victoria. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Chapman: How do we know that he is not a freetrader. (Laughter).

Mr. Page: The Treasurer ought to put at the bottom of the list "All rights reserved." (Laughter).

The request was refused by 25 votes to 16.

The Senate not only altered the wording of the item, "Adding and computing machines," but reduced the duty from 10 per cent. to free. Members agreed to the inclusion of time registers and detectors and combined bagging, weighing, and sewing machines. They would not, however, give way so far as the duty was concerned.

On the item, "Motive power, machinery, and appliances, except electric," considerable discussion was caused by a request for the insertion of high-speed reciprocating engines, coupled with generators or dynamo electric machines to be used in mines. The committee was anxious that the proposal should be modified, and finally it was decided to substitute the following words:—"High-speed reciprocating steam engines for direct coupling to, or directly coupled to, electrical generators or to pumps." The suggestion that gas producers should be omitted from the same item was adopted. Requests for minor alterations in chain and travelling blocks, etc., were approved; but the House declined to make the goods free. The following new sub-section inserted by the Senate was accepted:—"Log bandsaws, with band wheels 5ft and over in diameter, free." Members agreed to the inclusion of revolution and speed counters, n.e.i., in the item, "Machinery and parts thereof," and also the words, "Combination machines to disintegrate, mix, and compress molasses fodder," in the item, "Machinery and machines."

ANOTHER COMPROMISE DISREGARDED.

"Manufactures of metal, n.e.i.," was responsible for some warm passages between Sir William Lyne and Mr. J. Cook. The Government originally intended that the duty should be 30 per cent. general and 25 per cent. preferential. The Treasurer, however, agreed to accept 25 per cent. and 20 per cent. But at the instance of Ministers the Senate asked for 30 per cent. and 25 per cent. "This is one of those cases in which the Treasurer is deliberately going back on an agreement made in this House," said Mr. Cook.

Mr. Mathews: You would not mind if he reduced it.

Mr. Cook: The Treasurer plays a despicable trick when he makes these promises here.

The Chairman: Order, order. I ask the hon. member to withdraw that expression.

Mr. Cook: I will withdraw it; but I would like to know how to characterise it.

Sir William Lyne: I only accepted it because I could not get any more.

Mr. Cook: I hope this conduct will never be repeated.

Sir William Lyne: I accepted it under compulsion.

Mr. Poynton: The Minister will resort to any method to secure his duties.

Mr. Reid said that Sir William Lyne was taking, to say the least, a very unhappy course. According to "Hansard," the Treasurer said: "I am willing to accept 25 per cent. and 20 per cent."

After a long discussion the request was agreed to by 22 votes to 18.

The House then adjourned.

PROTEST FROM MOLONG.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

At last night's meeting of the municipal council a motion was passed urging Mr. Thomas Brown, M.P., to use his best efforts to prevent the Senate imposing the proposed duty of 25 per cent. on gas meters.

VICTORIA.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At the Criminal Court to-day Abraham Trevascus was placed on trial on a charge of attempting to smother his wife, Alice Maude Elizabeth Trevascus, by administering chloroform.

The prosecutrix gave evidence to the effect that accused tried to chloroform her after insuring her life for £500.

Counsel for the accused called no evidence for the defence. He maintained that the story was a concoction designed to allow Mrs. Trevascus to get a divorce.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and the accused was discharged.

OVERLAND CYCLING FEAT.

BIRTLES NEAR PORT DARWIN.

PORT DARWIN, Wednesday.

Francis Birtles, the overland cyclist, reached Katherine yesterday. He will leave there for Port Darwin this morning, and expects to arrive here on Saturday. The local Cyclists' and Athletic Association is arranging that all cyclists in town shall meet the traveller at the Four Mile and escort him into town. It has been also decided that he shall be entertained at a public smoke social in the town hall.

Birtles states he has had a difficult time crossing the Territory tablelands, owing to heavy rains and floods. The tall grass in many places was from 14 to 16 feet high. The cyclist intends to abandon his idea of the Western Australian trip, and will return to his starting point, via the overland telegraph line, and Adelaide and Melbourne.

A DRIFTING BOAT.

PICKED UP AT SEA.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

When the steamer Barrabool arrived in Newcastle this afternoon from Brisbane the captain reported to the Water Police that when passing Moon Point a ship's boat was noticed floating close in shore. The boat was picked up, and was found to be the lifeboat of the barque Criffel, which left Newcastle on Monday for Mexillones. A broken mast, with a portion of a sail attached, was floating beside the boat, but appearances point to the belief that the mast had not been used, for the boat had recently been painted, and the paint had not been scratched. Very rough weather has been experienced off the coast during the past few days, and it is thought that the boat, not having been properly secured, has been washed overboard. One rowlock had been removed, and was found lying in the bottom of the boat.

IMMIGRANTS BY THE ORMUZ.

MORE DOMESTICS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

On the R.M.S. Ormuz, which arrived from London to-day, were 61 immigrants for Queensland, and about 50 for New South Wales. Most of the latter are servant-girls.

CIRCUIT COURT.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

At the Circuit Court to-day, the jury in the case of Matthew Caldwell Price, charged with maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm on William Gay, after being locked up all night, failed to agree, and were discharged. Accused was bound over to appear if called on. Cecil Arthur Sharp, who had pleaded guilty to breaking and entering, also to obtaining a bicycle by false pretences, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for each offence, cumulative.

FLOODS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A MAN DROWNED.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

A telegram was received from Hergott to-day which states that the Birdsville mail arrived to-day three days late. The maildriver reports heavy rain from beyond Mirra Mitta to Birdsville.

The body of Frank Thompson has not yet been recovered. The young man had crossed the Diamantina River once in safety, and in the second attempt was drowned.

The country is looking splendid from beyond Clayton Bore, near Hergott, to Birdsville.

CASUALTIES.

A FOOLISH YOUTH.

ALBION PARK, Wednesday.

A youth named Hitchcock met with an accident through playing with a loaded pea rifle this evening. He placed his hand over the muzzle of the pea rifle, saying he would stop the bullet. The bullet went through the hand.

SUICIDE OF A FARMER.

NOWRA, Wednesday.

David Young Barron, 46, committed suicide at his residence, Numba, early yesterday morning by shooting. The report of a gun shot was heard from outside the house. The deceased was found lying on his back, with a gun alongside him. The back of his head was blown off, and brains were scattered about. He had been despondent for some months past. Recently he made arrangements to leave the farm and remove to another, which he had purchased. The deceased was a son of the late Captain Barron, master mariner, who traded to the river in the early days. He leaves a widow and three young children. An inquest was held to-day before the district coroner (Mr. Watson), who returned a verdict of suicide.

THE MAN AND THE TURKEY.

While Constable Curtis was on duty at 5 on Tuesday evening in Agnes-street, Strathfield, he noticed a man sneaking about with a catapult in his hand. He watched. About 50 yards away there was a turkey in a paddock. Suddenly the man took aim and fired. The turkey fell. The man darted forward and grabbed it. Just as he was making off, the constable arrested man and turkey. He conducted them to the lockup, where the former was charged with stealing the latter. So good a marksman should have a better aim.

AMUSEMENTS.

MISS ERNESTINE LOUAT'S CONCERT.

As already noted, Miss Ernestine Louat will have the assistance of a choir under Mr. S. A. Kenny, at her concert at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, to-night, whilst the list of artists supporting the soprano in an attractive programme will include Misses Ella Crone and Lilian Frost, Messrs. Laurence Smith, W. H. R. Woods, and W. J. Coad.

MISS MARY ROBINSON'S CHOIR.

A fine body of voices from the Sydney Philharmonic Society will support their honorary pianist, Miss Mary Robinson, at her complimentary concert next Wednesday. In this connection, as noted in another column, this evening's rehearsal will take place at Paling's instead of at the Federation Hall.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—April 29.

Tambo, s, 732 tons, Captain Weatherall, from the New Hebrides Group, via Norfolk and Lord Howe islands. Passengers—From New Hebrides: Rev. J. and Mrs. Gillan and three children, Rev. Father Vazeille, Mr. N. M'Kenzie, and Mr. Snowden. From Norfolk Island: Misses S. E. Doyle, O. Young, Buffett, and Smith, Mrs. Forrest and three children, Messrs. Forrest, Southam, M'Culloch, M'Cann, and Chapman. From Lord Howe Island: Mesdames Stevens and Innes, Miss Fenton, and Master Fenton. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Arawatta, s, 2114 tons, Captain H. Tyrer, returned to port while bound from Sydney to Melbourne with the disabled steamer Age in tow. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Age, s, 2284 tons, Captain Banks, from Port Pirie, in tow of the steamer Arawatta. Howard Smith Company, Limited, agents.

Wakatipu, s, 1345 tons, Captain J. Graham, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Newcastle, s, 1251 tons, Captain Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Moruya, s, 568 tons, Captain Swanson, from Moruya. Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Rainbow, s, 546 tons, Captain Jackson, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Bellinger, s, 229 tons, Captain Roften, from Camden Haven. Allen Taylor and Co., Ltd., agents.

Dart, yacht, tender to training ship Sobraon, 476 tons displacement, Captain Thompson, from Botany Bay.

Burrawong, s, 331 tons, Captain Nicholson, from Manning River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Tuncurry, s, 162 tons, Captain P. F. O'Beirne, from Cape Hawke. Allen Taylor and Co., Ltd., agents.

Wandra, s, 151 tons, from Cape Hawke. Allen Taylor and Co., Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—April 29.

Pacifique, s, for New Hebrides, via Noumea.
Wimmera, s, for Auckland.
Pilbarra, s, for Fremantle, via ports.
Arawatta, s, for Melbourne (voyage resumed).
Allinga, s, for Rockhampton, via ports.
Ariona, s, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.
Barrier, s, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Barwon, s, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Dilkera, s, for Cairns, via Newcastle.
Wakatipu, s, for Launceston, via Eden.
Waipori, s, for Bluff, via Newcastle.
Helen Denny, bq, for Wellington, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—April 30.

Aeon, s, for Tonga, Apia, and San Francisco, via Auckland; Kiel, s, for Antwerp and Hamburg, via ports; Goslar, s, for Antwerp and Hamburg, via Townsville and Java ports; Morayshire, s, for New Zealand ports; Erina, s, for Gosford, Woy Woy, and Brisbane Water; Hillmeads, s, for Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, Nelligen, and Moruya; Rainbow, s, for Richmond River; Duroby, s, for Tweed River; Hunter, s, for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—April 29.

Wimmera, s, 1690 tons, Captain W. Waller, for Auckland. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bastings, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Haine, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Biddams, Dr. and Mrs. Neatry Smith, Mesdames J. Coleman, Mills, Donaldson, W. Seccombe, Mai, A. F. Porter, J. H. Maynard, H. Sturgess, Bennett, Richmond, M. Wells, R. P. Hall, Zurcher and child, Rayner, Misses Ventry Smith (2), Coleman, Donaldson, Alford, Hain, Chegwin, M'Gibbon, (2), Lawrence, Thompson, Cochrane (2), Taylor, Wells, Vial, Messrs. Douglas, L. Pittman, E. Castelli, A. T. Fittar, W. Coltman, Manning, C. J. Coldstone, W. May, R. Galbraith, W. Martin, C. J. Broad, A. J. Mayne, W. Waddell, D. Neeve, J. Winter, S. Atkinson, E. Brown, G. Akerman, J. G. Bentley, R. C. Bishop, A. V. B. Bishop, F. Nearing, J. M'Gibbon, G. T. Smythe, E. H. Foot, Mills, Rhodes, J. Morgan, Symmons, A. Coleman, A. F. Porter, F. W. Johnson, J. Findlay, T. Bunting, J. L. Stubberfield, J. H. Maynard, W. Gee, E. Maynard, E. C. Chegwin, Colonel Davies, Rev. H. Toms, E. C. Thomas, P. Clark, T. Guggott, Moss, Coleman, S. S. Addison, J. Walters, P. J. Pack, Rev. F. J. Fielding, W. Seccombe, J. W. Tyrell, H. W. Winning, S. W. Smith, A. S. Boukart, Capt. C. R. Etches, Abel Smith, J. Chapman, S. W. Boyd, T. Chapman, N. Johnson, R. Edwards, G. Morgan, A. Musgrave, R. Gabriel, E. R. Wilkinson, R. Wallace, R. Holmes, A. M'Murtrie, J. M'Murtrie, C. Precious, Richmond, Master Cochrane, A. J. Smythe, H. Frith, H. Beach, C. Stubbs, G. Olsen, G. Lawcork, J. M'Donald, W. C. Ellis, Master R. Hughes, J. Shore, H. Bloom, Zurcher, Master Rayner, Rayner, H. J. Stafford, A. E. Cohen.

Pilbarra, s, 2664 tons, Captain Morgan, for Fremantle, via Adelaide and Melbourne.

Pacifique, s, 1956 tons, Captain Bourge, for Noumea and New Hebrides.

Wakatipu, s, 1345 tons, Captain Graham, for Launceston, via Eden.

Waipori, s, 1919 tons, Captain Read, for Bluff, via Newcastle.

ENTERED OUTWARD.—April 29.

Tambo, s, for Norfolk Island and New Hebrides, via Lord Howe Island; Manila, s, for Hongkong and Manila, via German New Guinea; Age, s, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Ormuz, from London, bound to Sydney, arrived at Melbourne yesterday, and subsequently sailed again. She is due here to-morrow.

The R.M.S. Victoria, from London, bound to Sydney, passed Albany at 2.10 p.m. yesterday, en route from Fremantle to Adelaide.

THE TAMBO, FROM THE ISLANDS.

Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.'s steamer Tambo arrived at Sydney yesterday afternoon from her four months' cruise in the New Hebrides Group, and berthed at the Federal Wharf. Captain Weatherall reports that on arriving at Vila from the north the steamer Malaita was met, and after transhipping her cargo the Tambo left Vila on 10th for the southern islands. She arrived back at Vila on the 21st and left again for the northern islands on the 23rd. The Banks Group was visited on April 3 and left again for the south on the 4th.

On arrival at Santo heavy rain set in and continued as far as Tanna, after which fine weather prevailed to Vila, which was reached on the 10th at 10 p.m. In Vila Malaita was met. Departure was taken at 10 p.m. on the 12th for Norfolk Island, and the Tambo arrived there at 10 p.m. on the 22nd, leaving again at 1 p.m. on the following day. Lord Howe Island was reached on the 25th and left the same day for Sydney.

The Tambo has a full cargo of island produce on board, and as copious rains have fallen throughout the group a good output of copra is assured this year. After leaving Lord Howe Island a strong SW gale was met and continued to within 100 miles of the coast.

NAIRNSHIRE DUE TO-DAY.

The Federal-Houlder-Shire liner Nairnshire, which left Townsville on Saturday last for Sydney, signalled Tacking Point at 4.35 p.m. yesterday, and is due here early this morning. After replenishing her bunkers she will proceed to South American ports to load.

THE NIKKO MARU DUE ON WEDNESDAY.

Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., managing agents for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in Australasia, were yesterday in receipt of telegraphic advice from Thursday Island of the departure of the Japanese mail steamer Nikko Maru at noon on Tuesday for Sydney, via Townsville and Brisbane. She has the following cargo and mails:—

For Sydney: 343 tons of cargo and 24 bags of mails.

For Melbourne: 185 tons of cargo and 14 bags mails, and optional, 82 tons cargo.

This vessel is expected to arrive here early on Wednesday morning next, and will proceed to Melbourne on Saturday, 9th proximo, in continuation of her voyage from Yokohama, via ports. Captain T. Law-Harrison is in command on the present voyage.

NEWCASTLE TO WEST COAST COAL TRADE.

Sailing-ship owners are having a bad time, for it is impossible to make a profit, says a correspondent in a London shipping exchange. As showing how bad things are, an owner tells me that one of his ships has just made a voyage from Newcastle, New South Wales, to the West Coast of South America at 24s freight, and has made a loss, whereas three years ago a small profit was made when the freight was only 14s 6d. This unfortunate result has, he says, been caused by the vessel being delayed in port double time, having to pay 60 per cent. more in insurance premiums, and 60 per cent. more for wages and provisions than three years ago. With regard to the insurance, underwriters now insist on a value of about £8 per ton gross register, although the vessel would only realise about £4 per ton. If this ship had been lost on the voyage the owner might have been charged with over-insurance, notwithstanding, as will be seen, that he was compelled by underwriters to cover the vessel at the fancy value mentioned."

DISCHARGING WHEAT FROM AUSTRALIA.

Formerly when a ship was ordered to a Bristol Channel port to discharge, the owner was considered to be in luck, and it was quite a common thing to pay from £25 to £100 for orders to discharge at Cardiff; but things have changed (remarks "Fairplay"), as the fixing of the East African and Edenmore from London to Australia shows, the former being now at Barry and the latter at Swansea, discharging wheat from Melbourne and Seattle respectively. As the rate secured for the London-colonial berth is only 12s 6d on the deadweight, coal freights must be very poor indeed to lead the owners to incur the cost of shifting to and loading general cargo at London for the low rate which they have accepted.

REDUCED SPEED ON THE MACLEAY RIVER.

By a notification published in the "Government Gazette," issued yesterday, the Macleay River, from the entrance to the bridge at Kempsey, will, on and after the first day of May next, be declared a channel where steamships and steamers shall proceed at a reduced speed, and that such reduced speed shall be at a rate not exceeding six knots per hour.

THE NEW COLLIER GALAVA.

The modern collier just purchased in England by Messrs. Warburton and Son, for the Sydney coal and bunkering business is the steel screw steamer Galava, of 400 tons gross, built in 1906 by R. Williamson and Son, of Workington, who were the late owners. The Galava is 141ft 4in in length, with a beam of 23ft 9in and a depth of 10ft 6in. Her machinery, which is situated aft, was supplied by Ross and Duncan, of Glasgow, and consists of a set of compound surface condensing engines, the diameters of the cylinders being 19in and 38in respectively, with a stroke of 27in. The Galava, which is classed 100 A1 at Lloyd's, will shortly leave England for Sydney.

THE TRIP OF THE MALAITA.

Our Norfolk Island correspondent writes under date April 15:—"The s.s. Malaita, Captain Voy, of Burns, Philp, and Co.'s island mail line, arrived from Sydney in the Cascades at daylight on the 7th inst. The mails, passengers, and cargo were landed there, the steamer resuming her voyage to the islands at 3 the same afternoon. Dr. and Mrs. Bolton, child, and nurse, and Mr. Hetherington, were passengers from here. The Malaita brought several tourists, besides Mrs. Elliot, the wife of the Chief Magistrate, and Archdeacon Cullwick and the Rev. Paley Wilson, of the Melanesian Mission staff, who have been away on holiday and for health's sake."

THE MORAYSHIRE, FOR AUCKLAND.

The steamer Morayshire, of the Federal-Houlder-Shire line, which arrived at Sydney on Tuesday last from Liverpool and Capetown, will complete discharging to-day, and will leave on Friday for Auckland with the balance of her cargo.

THE BAR HARBOURS.

The following telegrams were received last night relative to the conditions of the bar harbours:—Bellinger Heads, soundings on bar at highwater 9ft, crossing 7ft 6in, rise of tide 3ft 6in; Clarence Heads, bar 16ft 6in, rise 5ft 6in, crossing 15ft, rise 3ft; Manning Heads, sounding obtained 9ft out in original line; Ballina, 14ft on bar, 16ft on inside channel at high water; Nambucca Heads, bar 10ft 6in, inner channel 9ft 2in high water, rise of tide 4ft; Tweed Heads, bar 10ft 3in, rise 4ft 6in, crossing 12ft 4in; Crookhaven Heads, south crossing, 11ft high water; Cape Hawke, 10ft 8in; Camden Haven Heads, 7ft on bar at high water; Bateman's Bay, 6ft on bar at low water to-day.

THE NORD-DEUTSCHER-LLOYD SERVICE.

In the course of their annual report, the directors of the Nord-deutscher-Lloyd state:—"The cabin passenger traffic by the Australian Imperial Mail line was greater, and there was a small increase in the 'tween-deck traffic; fairly good cargoes were likewise carried by these steamers. In the cargo-boat service to Australia there was no improvement on the previous year. The vessels in this line have ceased (since last July) to pass through the Suez Canal and visit the Dutch Indies on their way to Australia, but instead of this they go by the Cape route direct, and during the wool season they return via the Suez Canal without calling at the Dutch Indies. The further development of the Australia-Japan line has been greatly prejudiced by the sharp competition of the Japanese line working on that route, and the earning of a reasonable profit is not possible."

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

TOWNSVILLE (1370m).—Arr: April 29, Wyandra, s, from Sydney. Dep: April 28, Taiyuan, s, for Hongkong; Queensland, s, for Maryborough.

ROCKHAMPTON (120m).—Arr: April 28, Wawoon, s, from Bundaberg.

KEPPEL BAY (877m).—Arr: April 29, Invermay, bq, from New Zealand. Dep: April 29, Wodonga, s, for Brisbane.

GLADSTONE (828m).—Dep: April 29, Maranoa, s, for Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arr: April 29, Dawn, s, from Brisbane.

BRISBANE (500m).—Dep: April 29, Peregrine, s, for Sydney; Flinders, s, for Bundaberg.

TWEED HEADS (374m).—Dep: April 29, Duranbah, s, at 7.30 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: April 29, a str, with yellow funnel and black top, at 1.20 p.m., south.

BYRON BAY (345m).—Arr: April 29, Nerong, s, at 10.15 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: April 29, Cavanbah, s, early, for Sydney. Passed: April 29, Cufic, s, at 2 p.m., north.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331m).—Arr: April 29, Mokau, s, at 6.40 a.m., from Sydney; Nerong, s, at 4.43 p.m., for Brisbane River. Dep: April 29, Yulgilbar, s, at 7.40 a.m., City of Grafton, s, at 7.45 a.m., both for Sydney. Passed: April 29, a 4-mstd str, with red funnel, at 12.1 p.m., north; Duranbah, s, at 1.25 p.m., south.

CLARENCE HEADS (290m).—Arr: April 29, Macleay, s, at 6.40 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: April 29, Kyogle, s, at 9 a.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA (254m).—Passed: April 29, Kyogle, s, at 3 p.m., Wollowra, s, at 4.30 p.m., both south.

COFF'S HARBOUR (240m).—Dep: April 29, Cavanba, s, at 1 p.m., for Sydney.

BELLINGER (230m).—Arr: April 29, Australia, schr, bar-bound. Dep: April 29, Ellerslie, s, at 7.15 a.m., Rosedale, s, at 7.30 a.m., both for Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223m).—Arr: April 29, Rockilly, s, at 7.30 a.m., from Sydney.

MACLEAY HEADS (200m).—Arr: April 29, Electra, s, at 6.30 a.m.; Myall, s, at 7.55 a.m.; Zelma, sch, at anchor in bay. Dep: April 29, Lansdowne, ktch, and another ketch at 11.50 a.m.

SMOKY CAPE (205m).—Passed: April 29, Aramac, s, at 3.15 p.m., south; Inveran, s, at 12.30 p.m., a green-painted schooner at 4 p.m., Cavanba, s, at 4.10 p.m., Elbing, s, at 4.40 p.m., all south.

PORT MACQUARIE (174m).—Arr: April 29, Wanchope, s, at 4.50 p.m., from Sydney. Dep: April 29, Euroka, s, at 8 a.m., for Sydney.

TACKING POINT (169m).—Passed: Orara, s, and Noorebar, s, at 4.55 p.m., both north; Rosedale, s, at 4.35 and Dorrigo, s, at 3.45 p.m., Nairnshire, s, at 4.35 p.m., Ellerslie, s, at 4 p.m., all south.

CROWDY HEAD (147m).—Passed: April 29, Euroka, s, at 1.40 p.m., a large 2-masted steamer at 5.30 p.m., both south.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Arr: April 29, Euroka, s, at 5 p.m., from Sydney. Dep: April 29, Kincumber, s, at 7.45 a.m., for Newcastle; Burrawong, s, at 8.20 a.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE (128m).—Dep: April 29, Wandra, s, early, Commonwealth, s, at 8.35 a.m., both for Sydney; Willinga, sch, at 7.10 a.m., Shannon, sch, at 7.35 a.m., Tuncurry, s, at 8.15 a.m., for Sydney.

PORT STEPHENS (83m).—Arr: April 29, Waraneen, s, with Grace, s, in tow, at 10.40 a.m. Passed: April 29, a topsail schooner, at 10.20 a.m.; Dorrigo, s, at 2.30 p.m.; Allinga, s, at 4.30 p.m.; Wyee, s, at 5.40 p.m., all north; Wandra, s, at 10 a.m., Alpha, sch, at 11 a.m., Barrabool, s, at 11 a.m., Commonwealth, s, at 2.15 p.m.; Tuncurry, s, at 2 p.m., an oil launch at 2 p.m., Burrawong, s, at 2.40 p.m., a ketch, at 4.30 p.m., Kincumber, s, at 5.40 p.m., all south.

NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: April 29, Orara, s, Archer, s, Hunter, s, Dilkera, s, Warrimoo, s, Dorrigo, s, Beagle, s, Barwon, s, Nymboida, s, Suffolk, s, Taieri, s, Barrier, s, Ardova, s, Lady Mabel, sch, all from Sydney; Barrabool, s, from Brisbane; Kincumber, s, from Manning River; Williams, s, from Port Stephens. Dep: April 29, Warrimoo, s, Archer, s, Our Jack, s, Wakatipu, s, Beagle, s, Ouraka, s, Solgian, bq, all for Sydney; Annie E. Small, sch, for Honolulu; Port Logan, sh, for Tal Tal; Dorrigo, s, for Byron Bay; Myee, s, for Port Macquarie; Premier, ktch, for the north; Perth, s, for Melbourne.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48m).—Dep: April 29, Helen Nicoll, s, at noon, for Sydney.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS.—Dep: April 29, Swansea, ktch, at 10.30 a.m., for Sydney; Ben Bolt, s, at 11.80 a.m.

WOLLONGONG (44m).—Dep: April 29, Ruskaka, scow, at 9.50 a.m., for Jervis Bay; Mount Kembla, s, at 10.45 a.m., Malachite, s, at 4.40 p.m., both for Sydney.

PORT KEMBLA (48m).—Arr: April 29, Zarra, s, at 11.30 a.m., from Bellambi. Dep: April 29, Norkoowa, s, at 7.30 a.m., for Bellambi.

JERVIS BAY (87m).—Passed: April 29, Arawatta, s, at 4.30 p.m., south.

BERMAGUI SOUTH (160m).—Arr: April 29, Our Jack, s, at 7 a.m., from Kiama.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: April 29, Zealandia, s, at 3.30 p.m., Kanowna, s, at 4.30 p.m., both north; Ashridge, s, at 5 p.m., south.

GABO (238m).—Dep: April 29, Lady Loch, Govt. s, at 3 a.m., for Cape Everard; Irene, launch, at 8.30 a.m., for Mallacoota. Passed: April 29, Westralia, s, at 7 a.m., south; Lightning, yawl, at 4 p.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426m).—Passed inward: April 29, a steamer, supposed to be one of James Paterson and Co.'s, at 3.45 a.m.; a barque, very distant, at 9 a.m. Passed outward, April 29, Wonga Fell, s, at 12.55 p.m.

MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: April 29, Ormuz, R.M.S., from London; Lady Mildred, s, Wintara, s, and Hobart, s, all from Newcastle. Dep: April 29, Damascus, s, for London, via Capetown; Cooma, s, for Townsville, via Sydney; Moeraki, s, for Hobart; Loongana, s, for Launceston; Oruba, R.M.S., and Hyson, s, both for Sydney; Innamincka, s, for Cairns, via Sydney; Grantala, s, for Fremantle.

DEVONPORT WEST (480m).—Arr: April 29, Oonah, s, at 12.50 p.m., from Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1064m).—Arr: April 29, Riverina, s, and Coolgardie, s, both from Fremantle; Corio, s, from Sydney; Gneisenau, G.M.S., from Bremen. Dep: April 29, Mildra, s, for Melbourne; Coolgardie, s, for the eastern States.

PORT PIRIE (1238m).—Arr: April 29, Ira, sch, from Tasmania. Dep: April 28, Tarcoola, s, for Sydney.

ALBANY (2100m).—Dep: April 29, Kyarra, s, for Fremantle. Passed: April 29, Victoria, R.M.S., at 2.10 p.m., east.

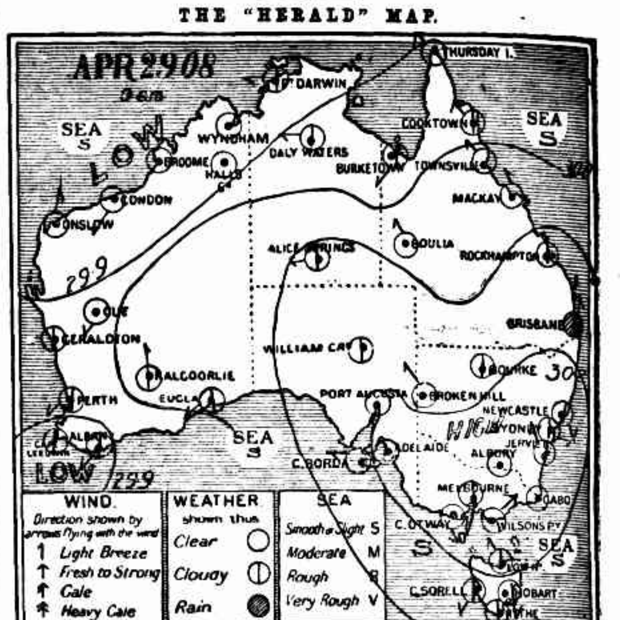
FREMANTLE (2465m).—Dep: April 29, Roon, G.M.S., for Bremen; Dumbea, F.M.S., for Marseilles.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1230m).—Arr: April 29, Maheno, s, from Sydney.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



The centre of the high pressure is practically of the same value as at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, and has moved eastward and contracted in area; it now covers the southern portion of South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales. The "low" over Western Australia has made little or no easterly progress, and has lost almost a tenth in its central readings.

Ocean Forecast.—Seas generally smooth to moderate.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Wednesday.

Sydney rainfall, average 49 years, 48.335 inches.

Average for 50 years from January 1 to March 31, 1333 points.

Total rainfall from January 1, 1908, to date, 1408 points.

Total for corresponding period of previous year, 1461 points.

Barometer.—At 9 a.m., 30.229; 3 p.m., 30.155; 9 p.m., 30.216.

Temperature.—At 9 a.m., 59.8; 3 p.m., 66.8; 9 p.m., 61.9, maximum 67.2.

Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 86; 3 p.m., 70; 9 p.m., 80.

Wind.—Greatest velocity, 10 miles, from ENE.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Byron 252, Camden Haven 3, Cape Hawke 10, Lismore 31, Manning Heads 15, Mullumbimby 115, Port Macquarie 2, Port Stephens 16, Seal Rocks 11, Taree 18, Tweed Heads 22, Woolgoolga 5.

QUEENSLAND RAINFALL.

The following are the principal rainfall records in Queensland for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. on Wednesday:—

Northern Division.—Cairns 30 points, Cooktown 31, Geraldton 103, Gracey Hill 27, Port Douglas 46.

Southern Division.—Caloundra, 40 points, Cambooya 25, Inskip Point 59, Tewantin 15.

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Light to heavy rain recorded on the north coast, 252 points at Byron Bay.

Victoria.—Very light and scattered at places on and near the coast.

South Australia.—Very light on the far west coast.

Western Australia.—Light rain recorded on goldfield, and extreme south-east, and scattered in the tropics.

Queensland.—Light to moderate in the extreme south-east, and Darling Downs.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Cloudy along the seaboard, and showery on extreme north coast; cloudy also at a few places in the west. Light to heavy rain recorded on the north coast.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy along the seaboard, and showery on the extreme north coast, cloudy also at few scattered places in the west.

Tasmania.—Generally fine but cloudy.

Victoria.—Fine in the northern parts, cloudy in the southern.

South Australia.—Threatening west of Lake Eyre, generally fine elsewhere.

Western Australia.—Fine on the west coast and Murchison, cloudy to threatening elsewhere.

Queensland.—Threatening at parts of the north-east coast, and dull to showery south-east coast, chiefly fine elsewhere.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.89; Geraldton, 29.92; Perth, 29.93; Esperance Bay, 29.98; Eucla, 30.01; Streaky Bay, 30.14; Adelaide, 30.23; Robe, 30.27; Portland, 30.28; Melbourne, 30.24; Wilson's Promontory, 30.27; Gabo Island, 30.19; Cape St. George, 30.20; Newcastle, 30.22; Port Macquarie, 30.21; Clarence Heads, 30.15; Brisbane, 30.10; Rockhampton, 30.13; Mackay, 30.17.

TEMPERATURES.

Sydney (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.), maximum 67, minimum 55; Perth, 68, 58; Adelaide, 71, 45; Melbourne, 58, 48; Brisbane, 76, 63; Hobart, 60, 41.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on Wednesday were as follow:—Albury, low; Balranald, below summer level; Bungara, summer level; Boggabilla, 1ft 5in, f; Booligal, stopped running; Bourke, 19ft 2in, f; Brewarrina, 5ft, f; Collarenebri, low; Condobolin, low, Cowra, 3in; Deniliquin, 3in; Dubbo, 3ft; Euabalong, 8in; Euston, 3ft 5½in; Goodooga, 1ft 6in, f; Gundagai, summer level; Gunnedah, low; Hay, below summer level; Hillston, stopped running; Kunopia, low; Louth, 27ft 1in, f; Manilla, 1ft; Menindie, 20ft 6in; Moama, below summer level; Mogil Mogil, low; Moulamein, below summer level; Mungindi, 4ft 7in; Narrandera, 5ft 11in; Pooncarie, 18ft 1in; Tilpa, 30ft, f; Tocumwal, 1in; Wagga Wagga, 1½in; Wentworth, 5ft 9in; Wilcannia, 29ft 6in, f; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 17ft 2in, f; Namoi River, at Walgett, 8ft 7in, f.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, calm, cloudy, sea moderate; Ballina, SE, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, SW, light, cloudy, sea slight; Woolgoolga, S, light, showery, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, SE, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, E, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, SE, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, SE, light, cloudy, sea slight; Port Stephens, E, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Newcastle, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, E, light, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, E, light, fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, ENE, light, fine, sea slight; Wollongong, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, S, light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, NE, moderate, fine, sea slight; Ulladulla, S, light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Eden, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Green Cape, NE, light, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, NE, light, cloudy, misty, sea smooth.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Scattered showers in the north-east districts, and becoming cloudy in the west; SE to NE winds.

Western Australia.—Still cloudy and unsettled, with rain in places; weather beginning to become finer inland, over the goldfields, and the tropics; E. to northerly winds.

South Australia.—Cloudy and unsettled over the north-west and northern parts, with light to moderate rain; fine for the present in south and south-east, but becoming cloudy with rain later; easterly winds.

Queensland.—Showers in south-east and tropical coasts, otherwise fine, but cloudy conditions not unlikely shortly over the south-western districts; S.E. and easterly winds.

Victoria.—Still cloudy to dull over the southern division, with isolated misty showers and fog; light variable winds, chiefly S. to E., and calms.

Tasmania.—Fine, but more or less cloudy, some fog or mist; light variable winds.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR APRIL 30.

Sun, rises 6.28, sets 5.16; Moon, 1.45 a.m., 1.8 p.m.; Mercury, 5.47 a.m., 4.56 p.m.; Venus, 10.16 a.m., 7.45 p.m.; Mars, 9.24 a.m., 7.16 p.m.; Jupiter, 12.41 p.m., 11.1 p.m.; Saturn, 3.44 a.m., 2.49 p.m.

New Moon, May 1; Full Moon, May 16.

High water at Fort Denison, 8.7 a.m., 8.23 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R.R.).—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
Macleay River.—Yulgilbar, 3 p.m.
Macassar, Menado, Gorontalo, Banda Neira, Sourabaya, Batavia, and Padang, via Townsville.—Goala, 3.45 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Grantala, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Waratah, 7 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Orina, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands and New Hebrides.—R.M.S. Tambo, 3 p.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Sourabaya, Samarang, Batavia, Singapore, and Dutch East Indies, via Brisbane.—Guthrie, 3.45 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Rockilly, 4 p.m.
Singapore, via Newcastle.—Itinda, 5.30 p.m.
Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 6 p.m.

DISCONTENT IN THE ISLANDS.

A MASS MEETING TO BE HELD.

DOWNING-STREET'S APATHY.

According to statements made by tourists who returned to Sydney yesterday by the steamer Tambo great discontent still exists among the British settlers in the New Hebrides on account of the apathy of the Imperial authorities. Under the new Convention France continues to manifest increasing interest in island affairs, while Great Britain appears unwilling to make a move in the direction of protecting the interests of her subjects.

Arrangements have been completed for a mass meeting of the British settlers in the various islands of the New Hebrides group to be held next month in Vila, the object of the gathering being to urge on the authorities the necessity for action. Great Britain, it is asserted, is as apathetic under the new arrangements as under the old form of a dual protectorate, and as a result the French are making great progress. The islanders were pleased when they heard that the Australian Government had decided to cable to the Colonial Office regarding the necessity for the early appointment of the British Judge. The French Judge was appointed soon after the new Convention was signed, and has been resident in the New Hebrides for several months past.

Owing to the fact that so far no British officers are available for appointment to official positions in the New Hebrides, all the preliminary offices are being filled by French residents. The position of Treasurer to the Joint Commission has been given to the secretary to the French Commissioner, and a Frenchman has been appointed postmaster. A suggestion was even made to the effect that the lastnamed official should take over the work performed by the Australian postmaster, but the British Resident Commissioner, Mr. Merton King, objected.

Even in the matter of the erection of the public buildings which will be required by the British and French officials, a determined effort is being made to favour French builders in New Caledonia, while British building firms in Sydney, Fiji, and Brisbane, who are anxious to tender for the works, have been unable to obtain definite information.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A larger amount of business was effected on 'Change yesterday at firm prices. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney rose 2/6, East Greta Coal /6, Stockton Coal /3, Australian Gas (old) 2/6, and Perkins' Brewery 1/6, other sales being at late rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: East Greta Coal, 29/; Toohey's, Limited, 14/9; Perkins and Co., 38/6; Australian Gaslight (old), £19/7/6; Mort's Dock (pref), 21/9; Sydney Hydraulic (paid), 30/; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin (contg), 11/. Afternoon: East Greta Coal, 29/6; Stockton Coal, 4/; North Shore Gas, 41/6; East Greta Coal, 29/6; Mount Kembla Coal, £25; Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, £28/17/6.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Share.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor*
STOCK.							
N.S.W. F.S., due 1912	..	..	3	96¼	..	..	3½
Do., due 1912..	..	..	3½	99½	99	..	3½
Do., due 1912..	..	..	4	101½	100½	..	3½
Do., due 1915..	..	..	3½	99¾	99¼	..	3½
Do., due 1921..	..	..	3½	99½	99¼	..	3½
Do., due 1924-5	..	..	3	..	88	..	..
Do., due 1909..	..	..	4	100¼	100	100½	4
Do., Act, 1873..	..	..	4	108	106	110	3½
Do., Deb., 1908	..	..	4	..	100	..	4
Do., due 1909..	..	..	4	100¼	100	100½	4
Ditto, T. Bills, 1909	..	..	3½	100	99	..	3½
Ditto	..	..	4	101½	100	..	3½
N.Z. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101	..	..	3¾
Ditto, 1921	..	..	4	102	100½	102	3¾
Queens. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	100	..	..	4
Ditto, Tr. Bills	..	..	4	100	100½	..	3½
W.A. Inscr.	..	..	4	101½	100¼	99	..
Ditto, 1902	..	..	3½	..	..	..	..
Australian Gas Deb., 1922	..	..	4	102½	101	..	3½
City Syd., Deb.	..	..	4	102½	102	..	3¾
Col. Sugar D., 1914	..	..	5	108	107	110	4½
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	108	..	..	5½
City	10	8	8	75/	74/	..	6¼
Ditto, New	10	8	8	66/	65/	..	7½
Com., Sydney	25	12½	10	28½	28½	29	4¼
Do., New	..	..	10	20¼	..	28¾	..
Commercial of Australia	10/	10/	..	10/	..	..	..
Do., pref.	10	10	8	6 4/	..	8½	4½
N.S.W.	20	20	10	45/10/	45½	45¾	4½
N. Zealand	6¼	3½	10	9¼	..	9¾	3½
N. Queensland	7	2	4	33/	32/	..	4¼
Q'land National	5	3	..	25/9	21/	25/	..
Royal of Q.	9	6¼	4½	5	98/	..	5½
Union	75	25	14	60	59½	60½	5¾
DEPOSITS.							
A. J. S. Bank, Class B.	..	..	3	12/9	12/8	13/	4½
Class B., 1917..	..	..	3	10/3	10/6	11/	5¾
Do., Inscr.	..	..	3½	10/3	10/3	11/	..
Com. of Aus. Assets	..	..	3	17/6	17/9	..	3¾
E.S. & A. Deb.	..	..	4	19/	18/6	19/3	4½
Do., pref.	..	..	3	12/9	12/6	..	4¾
Do., def.	..	..	4½	19/	18/6	..	4¾
Q. Nat.	..	..	3½	17/	16/9	17/4½	3
STEAM.							
Bal. Ferry	1	1	10	33/6	34/	36/6	6
Howard Smith	1	1	10	35/3	35/	..	5¾
Do.	1	5/	10	18/	18/	..	3
Pref.	1	1	5	20/	20/3	..	5
Do.	1	5/	5	5/	5/	..	5
Illawarra	1	15/	7	23/	20/	22/6	4½
Newcastle	1	1	6	22/6	23/	24/	5¼
North Coast	1	17/6	8	24/9	24/3	24/9	5¾
Ditto, new	1	17/6	8	25/10	..	..	3¾
Port Jackson	1	15/	7	30/	29/	29/9	3½
Sydney Ferries	1	1	10	64/	..	66/	3¼
Do., new	1	10/	10	39/	39/	40/	2½
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15/	14½	41/	39/6	..	5¼
Col. Mut. Fire	..	1	20½	51/4½	51/6	..	7½
Mer. Mut.	1	6/	14½	18/6	18/9	19/	4½
New Zealand	10	2	15	90/	73/	..	6¾
Queensland	1	10/	8	18/	..	..	4½
United	10	2½	12½	5/13/9	5¼	5½	5¼
COAL.							
Bellambi	1	1	17½	50/	..	48/6	5¾
East Greta	1	1	10	29/6	29/6	29/9	7
Heddon Greta	1	1	..	..	5/	..	..
Hetton	5	5	6	51/8	56/6	62/	11¾
Metrop., ord.	..	..	..	..	..	1/3	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	8	..	19/6	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	13/10½	13/6	14/3	14½
Mt. Kembla Coal and Oil, Ltd.	10	10	..	25	24½	25½	..
Newcastle	11	10	5	7	..	7	7¼
North Bulli	1	1	..	32/	30/	..	..
South Greta	10/	10/	..	12/10½	12/	13/	..
Stockton	1	1	..	4/	3/9	4/6	..
Ditto, new	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
V. of Clwydd	1	16/	10	33/6	..	33/	4½
Wallsend	10	10	20	27/10/	28	29	7¼
Waratah	6	..	..	..	1/	..	..
Wickham and Bullock Is.	1	20/	..	5/	6/	..	..
Ditto, new	1	18/	..	4/6	4/	..	..
Ditto, pref	1	1	..	..	16/	..	..
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/6	21/	..	5½
Australian	6	6	15	19/7/6	19¼	19½	4¾
Ditto, new	6	3	15	11¾	11½	11¾	4
Char. Towers	10/	10/	10	14/9	..	..	6¾
Goulburn	1	1	15	58/6	57/	..	5¼
Grafton ††	1	1	8	30/4½	30/	..	5¼
Katoomba and Leura	1	1	..	21/	20/6	..	..
Maitland	5	5	7	..	6¾	..	5¼
Manly	1	1	9	38/	40/	41/	4¾
Mudgee	1	1	7	23/	22/9	..	6¼
Newcastle	2	2	15	6¼	6½	6½	4½
North Shore	1	1	8	41/6	41/	42/	3¾
BREWERIES.							
C. and Wood Bros.	1	1	4	10/9	10/9	..	7½
Perkins'	15/	15/	20	38/6	38/	..	7¾
Toohey's	16/	16/	5	14/9	14/9	15/	5¼
Tooth's	1	1	10	40/	40/	41/6	5
MISCEL'NS.							
Aarons'	15/	10/	5	2/7½	..	..	19
A. Taylor, Co.	1	1	10	24/	23/	24/	8¼
Aus. News	1	1	..	14/9	14/	17/	..
B. H. W. Sup.	15/	15/	10	22/3	21/9	22/	6¾
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	40/	41/	41/6	5
Do., New Issue	1	10/	10	20/	20/	..	5
Col. Sugar††	20	20	10	43/10/	43	44½	4½
Do., New Issue	..	10	10	..	..	..	..
Dalgety and Co.	20	5	7	6¼	6½	..	5¾
Dunlop Pneu. Tyre, Pref.	1	1	7	21/	22/	..	6¾
Emu B. Rail.	1	1	..	4/10½	..	..	..
Ditto, pref. B.	1	1	..	..	13/6	..	..
Emu and Pros. Gravel	1	16/	6¼	10/	..	12/	10
F. Food, Ice	12	10	10	12/3	12/1½	12/3	8¼
Goodlet and Smith	15/	15/	8	15/	14/9	15/	8¼
R. Mackenzie, ord.	1	1	7	22/	21/	..	6¾
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	23/6	23/6	27/	8½
Hotel Metropole	..	20/	6	..	21/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	10/	15/	..	22/	..	..
Marcus Clark, ord.	1	1	7½	20/	19/9	21/	7½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10	9¾	10¼	6
Melb. Trams	1	10/	..	..	35/	..	..
M. de Piete	1	1	10	36/	36/6	..	5¼
Mort's Dock	1	1	6	18/9	18/3	..	6¾
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	21/9	21/9	22/3	5½
Paul and Gray	1	1	17½	29/	28/	30/	11
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	5/4	5/	5/6	4¾
Perp. Trust	10	5/	10	12/3	11/6	12/	4½
Pitt, Son, Bad.	1	11/	10	..	..	15/6	..
Q'nsland Meat Ex. and Agy.	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Richardson and Wrench	1	1	5	13/9	13/6	14/	7¼
Silv. Tram	1	1	40/	84/	..	81/	9½
Syd. Cyclorama	1	1	5	15/6	..	16/6	6¼
Sydney Exch.	10	10	6	11/14/	..	12	5¼
Sydney Hyd.	1	1	10	30/	29/	31/	6¾
Ditto, con.	1	10/	10	15/	14/9	..	6¾
Syd. Hyd. and G. E.	1	15/	15	..	..	28/	8¼
W. H. Soul, Patt., and Co.	1	1	10	43/	42/6	44/3	4½
LAND and BD.							
Com. B. and I.	10	9	..	2/6	..	2/6	..
Excels. Dep.	..	..	..	9/	..	..	..
Ind. Prov.	20	20	6	10/	..	..	6¾
Interc. Inv.	1	15/	10	29/	..	..	5¼
Newc. B. and I.	..	..	6	19/	..	..	..
Syd. Free L.	..	6/7	20	3/	..	..	..

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. †† Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. § Call paid. ‡ For six months. y. Ex rights. x. London delivery.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Sales and quotations:—Gulf Steamship, b 37/, s 39/6; Bank of Adelaide, £7/13/6.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Queensland Trustee, b 6/, s 6/6; Queensland National Bank, s 24/3; Inscribed Stock, s 17/1, forward, b 16/11, s 17/2; Queensland 3½ per cent. Loan, b £98/10/, s £99/15/; Four per cent. Treasury Bills, b £100, s £101/10/.

Sales.—Royal Bank (preference), £10.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3½ per cent. Treasury Bonds, £99; E. S. and A. deposits (deb.), 18/10; Metropolitan Gas, £10/7/, £10/6/, £10/7/6; Melbourne Tram, 35/6; Silverton Tram, 80/, 79/; Iron and Steel, £9/10/, £9/6/; Kauri Timber, 21/9; ditto (paid), 25/6.

FINANCIAL

W. AND A. M'ARTHUR, LIMITED.

The above company was registered at Somerset House, London, on March 11. The capital is £225,000 in £1 shares (125 "A" preference and 100,000 "B" ordinary). Objects: To acquire the business of general warehousemen carried on by W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited (incorporated in 1898), at 18-19 Silk-street, Cripplegate, E.C., and at York-street, Sydney, with the freehold property in York-street and Clarence-street, Sydney, and the leasehold property in Silk-street, London; to adopt an agreement with the said old company and A. F. Whinney, the liquidator thereof; and to carry on the business of general warehousemen, drapers, silk mercers and weavers, cotton spinners, etc. There was no public issue. The first directors are to number not less than three nor more than seven. Qualification, £500. Remuneration, £1500 per annum, divisible.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

The above company had a less prosperous time last year. After having paid an average of 5.8 per cent. for the ten years ended 1906, it was only able to recommend 4½ per cent. for 1907, as contrasted with 8½ per cent. in 1906. According to a statement issue by the company, the gross receipts for 1907 amounted to £1,634,650, as against £1,965,900 in the previous year. After meeting costs of expenses on extra-ordinary repairs, general expenses, taxes, interest charges, etc., and providing £505,400 for depreciation, as compared with £811,750 in 1906, and placing £92,300 to the reserve fund, as contrasted with £247,850, the balance remaining allows of the payment of the dividend mentioned above on a share capital of £6,250,000. The payment of the dividend absorbs £281,250, as against £431,690 in 1906, when new shares amounting to £1,250,000 only participated to the extent of one-fourth of the dividend.

THE POSITION IN GERMANY.

Germany being one of our largest customers for our wool is of keen interest to us just now, especially in view of the present dragging market for our staple. The cable news that the bank rate in Berlin is now 5 per cent., or ½ per cent. below the rate ruling on March 7 last, is satisfactory. For some time there has been a little restlessness in Germany, because the gold held by the Imperial Bank is not sufficient for the greatly developed trade of the country. Furthermore, Germany is indebted to the rest of the world, as is evident from the fact that the foreign exchanges have for a long time been unfavourable to Germany. And, lastly, the borrowings by the Governments, imperial, federated, and municipal, have been on a vast scale. Only recently the Imperial Government had to pay 3½ per cent. for a loan, which is approximately the same rate that was lately paid by New South Wales.

THE OUTLOOK FOR WOOL.

An interesting summary of the position of the wool market from an Australian point of view appears in the "Statist" of March 21, to hand by yesterday's mail. That authority says: "Trade, as everybody knows, is declining both at home and abroad. American buyers have been absent from recent London sales. America, it is true, bought a good deal at the local sales in Australia. But that was just before the panic took place. Since the panic there has been no American buying here, and that, of course, is a source of weakness to this market. Moreover, the wool trade upon the Continent is very depressed, and, consequently, the Continental demand is wanting. The fear, therefore, is that the fall may continue. Whether the small deficiency in the clip will prevent a further fall in the price of wool remains to be seen. It is argued, too, that money will be abundant and cheap, and that in the presence of very cheap money the decline in trade is not likely to be carried very far. Thirdly it is argued that America is already beginning to show signs of recovery from the worst of the panic, and that, although a real recovery in the United States is not to be expected yet, there will not be such a complete absence of American demand as there has been during the past three or four months. All that, however, is for the present mere speculation. What can be said with certainty amounts to this: that though there has been a considerable fall in prices, the profit to the flockmasters is still handsome. If, therefore, the fall is not carried very much farther, it will not affect the prosperity of Australia. If, on the other hand, it is carried much farther, it may materially affect the prosperity of the flockmasters."

COLONIAL SUGAR R. CO.

The report of the above company for the six months ended March 31 was adopted at a meeting of shareholders yesterday, a report of which appears elsewhere. The balance-sheet showed a net profit of £134,779, which, with £24,882 brought forward, made £159,661 available. This sum was apportioned as follows:—To dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, £124,037, leaving £35,624 to be carried to the next account. Although the rains in November and December caused some delay in the cutting of last season's cane crop the results were generally satisfactory, the production having greatly exceeded that of any previous year. It was not expected that the yield of sugar this year in Australia would equal that of 1907, and in Fiji the estimates have been somewhat reduced on account of the damage done by a hurricane in March. The following comparison may be made:—

	Half-year ended March 31. 1906.	1907.	1908.
	£	£	£
Net profits	112,033	110,819	134,779
Dividend per cent.	10	10	10
Amount of dividend	110,000	110,000	124,037
Forward	89,336	91,323	35,624
LIABILITIES.			
Capital paid up	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,495,200
Reserve fund	100,000	100,000	100,000
Guarantee and insurance fund	64,117	64,050	64,139
Reserve for equalisation of dividends	165,000	165,000	165,000
Debentures due 1914	65,000	64,050	64,050
Employees' provident fund	99,000	96,766	109,125
Sundry creditors	506,278	687,927	600,183
ASSETS.			
Refineries	894,927	896,166	934,513
Sugar mills, etc.	2,461,999	2,451,447	2,307,098
Immigration expenses, etc.	21,500	26,434	33,508
Office premises	51,076	51,076	51,076
Stocks of sugar	354,398	579,006	591,999
Bills receivable, etc.	240,276	277,417	225,780
Cash at bankers, etc.	185,979	53,429	189,444

ROYAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The fortieth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Royal Bank of Australia, Limited, was held this afternoon. Mr. Randall J. Alcock presided in the absence of the chairman of directors (Mr. F. S. Grimwade).

The directors' report and statement of accounts for the half-year ended March 31 showed that the net profits amounted to £19,957/12/5, which it was proposed to deal with by paying a dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum; by transferring £7500 to the reserve fund, making it £87,500; by defraying the cost of alterations to the Melbourne premises, £1500; and by carrying forward a balance of £3957/12/5.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Sir Samuel Gillott and Mr. Allan M'Lean were re-elected to the board. Mr. Thomas Kidd and Mr. A. W. Cleveland were re-appointed auditors.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are informed that the local wool-selling brokers have decided to hold auction sales next Wednesday and Thursday, May 6 and 7.

Messrs. Hugh Duff and Co. report having effected, in conjunction with Messrs. Myler and Cashman, the sale of Fairlight estate, Five Dock, comprising an area of about 120 acres, which has been owned for over 70 years by Mrs. Burton Bradley. Purchase money, £18,000. This estate adjoins the tramline, and is close to Great North-road.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

AUSTRALIAN DEBENTURE STOCKS, ETC.

LONDON April 28.

Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company 4 per cent. debenture stocks, ½ higher at 101½.

Queensland Investment, Land, and Mortgage Company 4 per cent. debentures, unquoted.

City of Sydney 4 per cent. debentures (1912-13), unchanged at 101.

Dalgety and Co., Ltd., unchanged at 5½.

Dalgety and Co., Ltd., 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 102½.

Metropolitan Gas Company (Melbourne) 4½ per cent., unchanged at 100.

Union Mortgage and Agency Company of Australia, Ltd., 4½ per cent. debenture stocks, unchanged at 61.

Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Company 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at 96½.

COMMERCIAL.

An extraordinary sale in teas was one of the few features in the business of yesterday's mercantile markets. Cable news (received privately) and mail advices would appear to indicate that the common kinds of teas might not be so readily replenished on the Sydney market. Buyers will have an opportunity at the auction sales to-day to pick up supplies. In groceries, smoked fish were being placed at a reduction equivalent to ½d per lb—due to the reduction in the duty. A good demand at full rates continued for dried and evaporated fruits. Chemicals underwent but little variation in prices, Swedish carbide being a trifle higher. Oils moved off at late rates, and locally-made tar sold readily. Metals had a fair amount of business in fencing wires, wire nettings and steel plates. Some of the prices for the imported nettings were a shade easier —probably because of the reduction recently made in the locally-manufactured netting. Jute was featureless, with prices nominally unaltered. Woolpacks, to arrive, were sold at lower levels.

MILDURA DRIED FRUIT.

The Mildura sultanas and raisins have arrived at a much more seasonable period than in 1907, though it is to be feared (says the "British Australasian") that the prices received, speaking at least of the early imports, will be discouraging. So far close on 2000 packages have come to hand, ex Macedonia. The raisins quickly made their way to country markets, and were quoted last week at 29/ to 31/ per cwt. The goods are reported to be in very good condition, and are 2/ to 3/ dearer than the common Valentia raisin. The prospects of the 1908 campaign are not to be compared with 1907. Last year Australian raisins opened at 40/ per cwt, there then being no Valentia raisins under 37/. This year we have Valentia raisins from 25/, so that it is probable that Australians are in for a trade at very low prices.

Last year Australian sultanas opened about 44/, and advanced to 48/ and 49/ per cwt, but there were no other kinds of sultanas available under 40/. This year we have sultanas at 35/, and this means that Australians will probably have to be sold in the region of 42/. There are still Valencia raisins left in Spain, but not many sultanas left in Turkey. The sultana position is as good as last year, but unfortunately a certain depression of trade is cutting prices down. It is rather difficult to see the outcome, but generally speaking it is likely that sultanas will make a good price, and raisins will do badly. By July, if Mildura sends any quantity of raisins, the fruit is likely to fall to a very low price.

BREADSTUFFS.

A firmer tone pervaded the wheat market yesterday, holders not being willing to do business under 4/6 per bushel. Very little of the stored wheat was disposed of, while the farmers were in the city in connection with the Easter Show, and, since their return, they have not advised holders to sell—consequently the offerings have been small. The second rise of 1/ per quarter, reported from London, and the higher value placed upon South Australian wheat f.o.b., Adelaide, were factors which might have encouraged growers to sit back a little longer. Some millers were said to have contracted with Adelaide for supplies up to the half-year. The departure from Adelaide of the Vestre Moland, a Norwegian barque, with 15,000 bags of wheat for Sydney, was a matter of much comment. This cargo was intended for the United Kingdom. It was not known yesterday in Sydney whether it had been sold here to arrive, or whether it was coming forward as a speculation. At all events, it had a disturbing effect on the local market; millers would not do business.

Flour was unchanged, up to £10 for city, and from £9/15/ for country brands. Adelaide flour (good) was on the market at £9/10/ per ton, and was even quoted as low as £9 for up to June deliveries.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 117 tons of wheat and 56 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

THE EUROPEAN POSITION.

English wheat was well held when the mail left. The "Miller," commenting on the situation under date London, March 23, says:—"It seems probable that we have seen the last of the recent low prices for the rest of the present cereal year, and in this connection we may once more urge upon our friends in the country to lay up as much of the local product as they can conveniently carry, for appearances all point to a scarcity later on in the season, and as they depend so much upon it for their particular class of trade we hope they will take heed to our words. On the whole the growing crops are reported to be making excellent progress, and the home outlook is especially promising. The Argentine has now shipped more than the expected surplus over the crop of last year, and if we can swallow what is on the way as it arrives, the season should soon be running a normal course."

Later on, when summarising the position, the same journal says:—"We do not by any means despair, because we have lively recollections of the middle of April last year when there was more wheat in the world than to-day. Values bounded up quickly, and caused trade to literally boom, and the boom lasted for six months. We cannot promise a repetition of that period, and a duplicating of the profits made thereon, but there is no room for despair, and this ought to be kept in mind. We are nearing the critical time of the crop year, and a good many things may happen suddenly. Beyond advising a continued close watch, however, we can go no further to-day."

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—News by yesterday's mail from Colombo was to the effect that the Ceylon market had firmed a cent, and news from Calcutta indicated that Indian teas (new season's) would probably open at /7½. Should this prediction be realised, Ceylons might also improve. A cable from Colombo, dated Tuesday, stated that 3,000,000lb of tea would be offered at yesterday's sale, this being an accumulation during the holiday season, last week's sale having been postponed. This cable also stated that the quality to be offered was "muck." In the face of this, the Australian market might have to wait some little time for additional suitable supplies of good common teas. Local business reported included 1000 packages of Indians and Ceylons at up to 1/, and 150 Ceylons at /8½ to /9.

Two auctions will take place to-day. At the City Mart, at 12 noon sharp, Fraser, Uther, and Co., Limited, will offer the following, under instructions from the following importers:—Messrs. Parbury, Henty, and Co., 346 packages Ceylon teas, and 222 Indian; under instructions from Messrs. Thompson, Fraser, Ramsay Proprietary, Limited, 505 packages Ceylon teas, ex R.M.S. Oruba, etc.

At 2.30, at 63 Pitt-street, Messrs. Alfred Harvey and Co., under instructions from Messrs. Claude Healy and Co., will offer 600 packages Ceylon teas.

Groceries.—The distributing trade continued brisk, many of the orders being, however, on next month's account. Dried fruits were still inquired for, distributing lots of currants (Mildura, Renmark), selling freely, the Renmarks at /5½, and the Milduras up to /6. Good imported currants were realising up to /6. Dates met with attention at /3½. Lexias were distributing at /5½ for extra golden 6-crown, /5 for golden 5-crown, /4½ for brown extra 4-crown, /4½ for brown 5-crown, and /4 for crown. Raisins were selling at from /3½ to /4½. Jordon almonds had attention at 2/2. Evaporated fruits from the Wagga Experimental Farm and from the Kameruka Estate (Bega) were selling at full rates. Highlander milk was being more inquired for, because of the scarcity of the imported brands. 400 cases of Creambrook sold at agents' prices. In candles business was done at /7½ for D.R.J.'s, /7½ being quoted for parcels, and /7½ for distributing lots. Ten boxes of Gouda sold at /7½. Scheidam's were quoted at /7. Smoked fish (such as kippered herrings, smoked sardines, Findon haddocks, and red herrings) were available at the equivalent to /0½ per lb less, owing to the reduction of the duty. 100 cases of Karluk Horseshoe sold at 6/9.

Respecting dried fruits, Messrs. Laughland, Mackay, and Co., in their market report for Australia and New Zealand, dated London, March 26, make the following comments:—"Currants: The market in Greece is reported as exceedingly quiet, and little or no business is taking place. To urge consuming markets on to the fruit, the Greek company are again resorting to extensive advertising. In the meantime, price of provincials has declined to the equivalent of 20/3 c.i.f., etc, Australia. The stocks in London at the end of February were 8310 tons, against 11,204 tons last year. Sultanas: The Smyrna market is very depressed, and prices have given way 1/6 a cwt., present quotations being—Staple 30/, good shipping 32/, and fine 57/, c.i.f., etc., Australia. The stocks in London at the end of February were 2680 tons, against 1471 tons last year. Dates: Value of Khadrawi continues moderate at 11/6 per cwt., ex warehouse, London, and quality is good. Cartons of 1¼lb Persian packed are not to be had, but London packed cartons of 1lb are being offered at about 20/, 21/, per cwt., ex warehouse."

Chemicals.—Operations in the market for chemicals were restricted. Not only yesterday, but right through the holiday season, transactions have been unimportant. Cream of tartar was selling at /9½ in small lots, and at /9½ for fair-sized parcels. Citric acid continued to be quoted at 1/11, and tartaric at /11½ to 1/. Liquid silicate of soda was worth from £6/10/ to £6/12/6, according to quality. Bicarbonate of soda was distributed at £8/15/ to £9, and soda ash at £5/15/. For parcels soda ash was available at 2/6 less. Other quotations included the following:—Swedish carbide, £15/10/ to £16 per ton; bluestone, £29; G grade resin, £5/10/ to £10, N grade, £12/15/; Muspratt's caustic soda, £12/10/, and Greenbank's, £13/10/.

Messrs. Laughland, Mackay, and Co.'s market report for Australia and New Zealand says the general tone of business has been quiet. The following summary is given:—"Camphor: A reduction of /2½ per lb took place on March 11. Castor oil is still a declining market. Strychnine was reduced by the makers on March 2 /3 per oz. Citric acid has still further been reduced owing to the reduction in the price of raw material. Tartaric acid is also lower. Cod liver oil: Prices reached exceptionally low figures during the past month, owing to successful fishing, 57/ per barrel c.i.f. London being quoted for finest Lofoten at one period, but market has since slightly recovered, and to-day 60/ is asked. Morphia and salts have been reduced /6 per oz. Sulphate of copper is dearer. Cocaine: Owing to the dissolution of the convention of makers prices have receded at one time as low a price as 6/ per oz. being quoted for contracts of hydrochlor. Market is now firmer, and makers are not offering. Pot iodid: The English makers have just reduced their prices /7 per lb. Carbonate of ammonia is dearer."

Oils.—The Thistle oil, equal to 3312 drums, ex the Ryson, some of which had been sold to arrive, was being distributed yesterday. Sales were made of B. and S.'s raw and boiled at 3/4½ and 3/6½. Stockholm tar (200 drums) sold at 5/6. Pinetree turpentine was available at 3/5 for parcels. Whitelead sold to the extent of three tons at £31/10/ for cwts., and at £32/10/ for qrs. (Champion's). Second brands were quoted at £1 below these rates.

Metals.—Iowa barbed wire (American) had business at £15/10/ and £17/5/ for 12 and 14 gauges respectively. Five tons of No. 10 sold. State-made barbed sold at schedule rates. American black wire was placed at £8/12/6 and £8/17/6. American galvanised was worth £10/15/ and £11/5/ for 8 and 10 gauges. Gorgon Oval galvanised wire (12 x 14) was landed from the Runic. Prices were: 8 x 10, £20 per ton; 10 x 12, £21; and 12 x 14, £22. A good demand was reported. German black wire was sold at £8 and £8/10/. Merchants were still quoting 2/6 extra for small lots. German galvanised was worth £10/12/6 to £10/15/ for No. 8, and £11/5/ for No. 10. State-made wire netting sold to the extent of 20 miles at the following rates: 42 x 1½ x 17, A grade, £35/10/; ditto, B grade, £32/10/; 42 x 1½ x 18, £25/5/; 36 x 1½ x 17, A grade, £30/10/; ditto, B grade, £27/17/6; 36 x 1½ x 18, £22/7/6. Whitecross netting (10 miles), 42 x 1½ x 17, A grade, sold at £35/10/, being a shade lower. W.U. netting, 42 x 1½ x 18, A and B grades (10 miles in all), sold at £26/10/ and £25/10/ respectively. Steel plates (20 tons) sold at £10/10/, full rates.

At 8 Spring-street to-day, at 11.30 a.m., Fraser, Uther, and Co., Ltd., will offer at auction 214 rolls of English galvanised wire netting (with all faults); also black steel wire rope, galvanised iron rope, plain galvanised iron, earthenware, etc.

Jute.—Cables stated that heavy rains in India had damaged crops, which might be light, as well as late. Locally, jute fabrics were not much inquired for, prices being nominally 6/ for cornsacks, 4/7½ for branbags, and 2/3½ for woolpacks. To arrive, business was done in woolpacks at 2/3½.

Tariff alterations notified by the Customs authorities as being now in operation include the following:—Caps and sewn hats, n.e.i., 7/ per dozen, or 35 per cent., whichever higher; general, 6s per dozen, or 30 per cent., whichever higher, United Kingdom. Myrobalans and zinc dust (metallic zinc) in powder form, used as a reducing agent in dyeing operations, to be free as unspecified.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 165 bales of wool were manifested to arrive.

The revenue collected at the Customs-house yesterday amounted to £15,188.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wheat further advanced. Fair business was done at from 4/3½ to 4/6 ex store, the market closing firm at 4/6. Flour was unaltered at £10. Bran and pollard sold from 1/6 to 1/7. Algerian oats were firm, with good demand from the country. Good to prime heavy sold from 3/2½ to 3/3, about 800 bags being sold. Maize is arriving in fair quantities. Prime new sold at 4/5, and rather soft 4/4. Peas sold from 4/1½ to 4/2. Chaff was in strong demand for the country and firmer. Prime sold from £5/17/6 to £6; good, £5/10/ to £5/15/. Hay was scarce, and firm. Manger hay sold from £6 to £7; manger sheaves, £6 to £6/5/. Potatoes were steady. Prime Gippsland sold to 80/; Ballarat Pinkeye to 77/6; Tasmanian, 88/6 to 92/6. Onions were firm at from £5 to £5/5/. Butter advanced /1. Choice Western sold at 1/3; other prime to choice, 1/2 to 1/2½; medium to good, 1/ to 1/1. Eggs were steady at from 1/4½ to 1/5½.

Business in tea includes 350 packages of Ceylon, up to 1/, and 80 chests of Indian. Ten tons of Nilghiri coffee were sold for forward delivery. 150 half-cases of cleaned Amalia currants were sold. Fifty cases of tinned salmon, 1lb, flat, were sold. Ten tons of cream of tartar were sold, partly for forward delivery. Cornsacks on spot sold at 6/. 100 bales were sold for export. Branbags sold from 4/8½ to 4/9 on spot, and 4/7 to arrive per Hymettus. Fencing wire and wire netting were in steady country demand. Fair business was done in cement.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co. report:—Cattle: 650 were yarded, mostly station sorts, good to prime. 280 came from Queensland, 270 from the north, the balance being local. Sales were fairly active, prices being about equal with those of the previous week. Prime beef sold at 26/. We sold 150.

Sheep: 8200 were yarded. Second quality predominated. The market was dull, excepting for prime classes, at a reduction on late extreme rates. Graziers bought 1400. Quotations:—Prime stud merino wethers, 20/; prime merino ewes, to 16/; prime crossbred wethers, 20/ to 22/, extra 24/; prime crossbred ewes, 15/ to 17/, extra 21/.

Lambs: 2000 were yarded, values being nearly maintained. Graziers bought 600. We sold 2400.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 1863 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 150 from New South Wales, 640 from the north-eastern district, 360 from Gippsland, 540 from South Gippsland, and 150 from the westward. There was a large attendance of both town and country buyers. The demand was brisk for all grades suitable for trade requirements, and for such prices ruled in advance of last week's rates. Competition, however, was dull for low-conditioned bullocks and inferior cows, which met with dragging sale at low figures. Quotations:—Prime pens of bullocks, from £11/10/ to £13; extra, from £13/15/ to £14/15/; odd beasts, to £16; good pens of bullocks, from £9/10/ to £11; good light and handy weights, from £8 to £9; second and inferior, from £5/5/; extra prime pens of cows, from £9/7/6 to £10/15/; odd beasts, to £11/17/6; good pens of cows, from £7 to £8/10/; second, from £4/10/ to £6; inferior, low-conditioned cows, at low figures.

Six hundred and thirty fat calves were penned, including about 150 stores. The demand was not so active, and prices ruled lower throughout.

In the Metropolitan Meat Market prices for the week ended April 29 were:—Beef: Prime bodies, 20/ to 28/; medium, 24/ to 25/; prime forequarters, 20/; medium, 16/ to 18/; prime hindquarters, 34/ to 36/; medium, 30/ to 32/. Sheep: Prime, /2¼ per lb; medium, /2¼ to /2½ per lb; lamb, prime top to 12/ each, medium 7/ to 9/. Veal: Prime large vealers, /2 to /2½ per lb; medium, /1½ to /2; small calves, /1½ to /2.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Zealandia left for Sydney yesterday with 18,644 cases and 4920 half-cases fruit pulp, 1394 cases jam, 3 cases fish, 130 bags flour, 487 bags chaff, 23 bags peas, 24 bags turnips, 180 bags bark, 26 hhds. ale, 17 bales hops, 23 bales straw.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, April 28.

Bar silver is quoted to-day 2/0 11-16 per ounce standard—/0⅛ higher.

METALS.

April 29.

Closing quotations were:—

Copper.—Spot, b £57/7/6, s £57/12/6; three months, b £58/, s £58/5/—a fall of 3/9 spot as compared with the previous day, and a fall of 5/ forward as compared with April 25.

Electrolytic, spot, £58/15/, a fall of 5/.

Tin.—Spot, b £142/5/, s £142/15/; three months, b £141/15/, s £142/5/10—a fall of £1/15/ spot and 10/ forward.

Lead.—Soft foreign, spot, b £13, s £13/5/—a fall of 6/3 since April 25.

Spelter.—Spot, b £20/15/, s £21—a fall of 12/6 as compared with the previous day.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The maize market was fairly active in Sussex-street. For prime dry a number of agents were asking 4/3, while some were offering practically the same quality stuff at 4/6, but the bulk of the sales during the day were at 4/3. Melbourne, Brisbane, and also the Riverina district were inquiring after consignment, and it was on this account that the prices had such a wide margin. The chaff market was firm at £6/5/. A few choice lots were reported to quit at £6/10/. Potatoes were a little easier, £4/10/ to £4/15/ being asked. Lucerne was firm at late rates.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Maize.—Prime dry, 4/3; some offering at 4/6; white, 4/.

Barley.—Cape, seed 4/3, extra prime 4/6, medium 4/ to 4/2 bus.

Peas.—Blue, 5/ to 5/3; grey, 4/6; inferior, 4/2 bus.

Wheat.—Prime milling, 4/5½ to 4/6.

Chickwheat.—4/4 to 4/5.

Oats.—Melbourne: Heavy milling, 3/3 to 3/4. Tasmanian: White, 3/2 to 3/4. Algerian, 3/3, 3/6; Tartarian, 3/5.

Bran.—£7/10/; pollard, £7/10/.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Victorian: Nominal. Adelaide: £6/5/. Western Australian: Nominal. Tasmanian: £5/15/ to £6.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: £6 to £6/10/ ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £3 to £3/5/.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: £5 to £5/5. Other lines from £4.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Redskins £4/10/ to £4/15/.

Onions.—Melbourne: Brown Spanish, £5 to £5/5/ ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The usual retailers' half-holiday was responsible for quiet conditions in the dairy produce section. Eggs were slightly easier, new-laid being quoted from 2/3 to 2/4. Good brands of butter were moving well, but second-quality stuff was slow. Bacon was in fair demand. Cheese was well inquired for at late rates. Lard was firm, but prices remained unaltered.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Special flavoured brands 110/, choice 92/ to 96/, seconds 86/ to 90/, pastry lines 80/ cwt.

Bacon.—Prime factory, sides /8 to /9, flitches /8½ to /9, middles /10½ to /10½; special brands, sides /10½, flitches /9½, middles /11½. Hams: Special brands, in cloth /11½; in seeds, /12½.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf /8½ to /8½, good /7½ to /8, inferior from /5; prime large /8, good /7, inferior from /5; special brands, /8½.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders /7½ to /7½, special /8, bulk /7, special /7½.

Eggs.—Northern Rivers, 1/4 to 1/6; Southern and railway, 1/6 to 1/8, choice 1/9; new-laid suburban, 2/3 to 2/4; new-laid duck, 1/5 to 1/8 dozen.

APIARY PRODUCTS.

Choice brands of honey still continued to move well, while second qualities remained slow. Wax was still firm.

Current rates were:—

Honey.—60lb tins extra choice extracted /3, prime /2½ to /2½, good /2½, inferior and candied /2.

Beeswax.—Bright, 1/2 to 1/3; dark, 1/2.

POULTRY.

A steady inquiry was reported in the poultry section. Good birds moved well. There was still a lot of inferior stuff on the market.

Current rates were:—

River.—Old hens, 2/6 to 3/, small 2/; young roosters, 3/ to 4/6; chickens, 1/ to 2/; choice to 4/; English ducks, 2/6 to 3/3; Muscovy, small 2/, good 2/6 to 3/3, drakes 4/ to 5/, extra choice 5/6; geese, 5/ to 5/6; goslings, 5/; turkeys, hens 5/ to 7/; gobblers, prime 9/ to 13/6, extra heavy to 18/; guineafowls, 4/ to 4/6 pair.

Suburban.—Fowls, young roosters 2/6 to 4/, small kinds 2/, old hens 2/ to 3/; ducks, English, 2/6 to 3/, small 1/6 to 2/, choice to 4/6; Muscovy, 3/ to 4/, choice 5/; drakes to 6/, choice 7/; turkeys, hens 5/ to 6/, gobblers, prime 10/ to 13/6, inferior from 6/; geese, 6/; guineafowls, 4/ to 4/6; pigeons, 1/ to 1/6 pair.

FIREWOOD.

At auction 19 truckloads were offered. Good sales were reported. Best box brought 16/9. Ironbark improved to 12/6, and stringy remained at 13/.

Late rates were:—Boxwood, best 16/9, good 12/ to 14/; bakers' wood 12/ to 13/, good 10/ to 11/; stringy-bark, 11/ to 13/; ironbark, 11/ to 12/6 ton.

AUCTION SALES.

One of the smallest sales this year was held at the railway yards on Wednesday, when out of the 12 consignments of mixed produce offered at auction only six changed hands. In consequence of the nearness of the end of the month retail buyers did not evince any desire to bid, and sales were practically confined to wholesale buyers, who were willing to buy at late rates, in the hope that prices would rise at the commencement of the new month. Only a small consignment of chaff was to hand, and out of the four lots offered at auction three lots were passed in. A truckload of medium grade chaff was, however, disposed of at 4/8 per cwt. The supply of lucerne hay was small, five lots being put up at auction, of which three were sold, prime Bathurst hay realising 6/3, medium Bathurst hay 5/10, and Hawkesbury truss hay 4/7 per cwt. Three truckloads of potatoes were offered, and two were disposed of, prime Brownells bringing 4/, and inferior potatoes 1/10 per cwt. A small consignment of swede turnips, loaded in with a truck of potatoes, was also offered at auction, and changed hands at 3/3 per cwt.

Chaff.—From Rowlands, Mandurama, (10039) no bid; Johnstone, Landra, (6118) p 4/4, (1404) 4/8; Mrs. Wallace, Cowra, (6754) p 3/9 per cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—From Field, Bathurst, (4285) 6/3; A. Smith, Mulgrave, (4076) p 3/2; R. Holland, Windsor, (100) 4/7; M'Gregor, Parkville, (12245) 5/10; J. B. Holme, Aberdeen, (11416 p 5/5 per cwt.

Potatoes.—Ex Borenore, (1876) 1/10, (1504) p 1/8; ex Windsor, (1074) 4/, swede turnips 3/3 per cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

BATHURST-STREET.

Fair conditions prevailed in Bathurst-street fruit markets, and moderate turnovers were reported by commission agents. Local supplies were light. The supply of tomatoes was heavy, but prices were unaltered. Good lemons were selling well, but small lots were collecting. Bananas moved slow.

Current quotations were:—

Passionfruit.—Local: Choice 5/6 to 6/, medium 3/ to 3/6, small 1/6 to 2/ half-case, medium 6/ to 7/ gin-case.

Pineapples.—Queensland: Queen, 9/ to 10/; medium 7/ to 8/.

Cocoanuts.—10/6 to 11/6 bag, 1/6 to 2/6 doz.

Peanuts.—/5½; walnuts, /7½; Barcelonas, /7½; Lychee, /11 to 1/.

Pomegranates.—2/6 to 4/6 case.

Persimmons.—Choice flat 6/ to 6/6, medium 3/ to 4/, small 2/ per half-case.

Mandarins.—Fiji: 17/6 per double-case.

Bananas.—G.M., 14/ to 15/ per case, 5/ to 9/ bunch. Chinese: 14/ to 14/6 per case, bunches 4/ to 7/6. Queensland: 12/ to 12/6 per case, bunches 2/6 to 5/6.

Cucumbers.—Local: Choice 5/, other samples from 3/ per gin-case.

Rockmelons.—Local: 4/ to 4/6 per gin-case.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice, 3/6 to 4/, medium 2/ to 2/6, small 1/6 per box.

Pears.—Local: B.D.C., 8/ to 10/; Josephine, 8/ to 10/ per bushel. Victorian: B.D.C., 11/ to 12/6; Gansells, 11/ to 12/6; B.R., 11/ to 12/6, others 9/ to 10/ per bushel. Tasmanian: 6/ to 7/ per half-bushel.

Apples.—Local: Cooking, choice 7/ to 8/, medium 4/ to 5/. Dessert: Choice 11/ to 12/, medium 7/ to 8/, small 3/ to 3/6; jam lots, 2/6 per gin-case. Tasmanian: Ribstones, 6/ to 7/6; Alexanders, 6/ to 8/; choice 9/; Afristones, 6/ to 7/6; A.P.M., choice 8/6 to 9/, medium 5/ to 6/6; F.C., 6/ to 8/ per bushel-case. South Australian: Jonathans, 7/ to 8/ per bushel.

Quinces.—Choice 3/6 to 4/6, small 2/6 per gin-case. Adelaide: 7/ to 8/ per double-case.

Lemons.—Coloured, choice 9/ to 10/, medium 6/ to 7/, small 2/6 to 3/6; main crop, choice 6/ to 7/, medium 3/6 to 4/ per case.

Oranges.—Choice 6/ to 7/, good 4/6 to 5/, small 3/ to 3/6. Queensland: 5/ to 6/ bushel-case.

BELMORE MARKETS.

FRUIT.

The demand for all classes of fruit is weakening, as a result of the cold weather during the past week. Lemons are still very scarce, and as a consequence remain firm at late rates. The supply of grapes is almost exhausted, and white muscatels are now the only variety on the market. Sellers report that they do not expect any further consignments of persimmons till next season. The supplies of apples to hand are fairly large, but are mostly Tasmanian.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Local: Five Crowns, 5/ to 8/; S.P.'s, 5/ to 6/. Tasmanian: S.P.M.'s, 5/, 8/, extra choice 11/; A.P.M.'s, medium 5/, 6/, choice 7/6, 8/6 per case. Cooking apples: A.L.F.'s, 5/, 6/6; H.C.S.'s, 5/, 6/6, F.C.'s, 6/6 to 8/; S.T.P.'s, 5/, 6/6.

Rockmelons.—3/ to 5/ per gin-case.

Bananas.—Fiji: 15/; Cavendish, 10/, 12/; sugar, 10/, 12/.

Pears.—Victorian: J.O.S.'s, 10/ to 11/; W.N.'s, 10/, 14/ per bushel-case. Tasmanian: W.C.'s, 7/ to 8/6; S.E.'s, 4/6 to 6/; B.P.'s, 5/ to 6/ per quarter-case; N.P.'s, 6/, 8/ per bushel-case.

Tomatoes.—Local: 2/6 to 3/ per quarter-case, medium, 3/, choice 4/ to 5/ per half-case.

Cucumbers.—1/ to 2/ per dozen.

Coconuts.—10/ to 11/ per bag, 2/6 per dozen.

Pomegranates.—6/ to 8/ per gin-case.

Quinces.—4/ to 6/, jam lots, 3/; pine-cases, 7/ to 8/.

Pineapples.—Common, 8/ to 10/; Queens, 8/ to 10/.

Passionfruit.—Choice, 6/, medium 3/6 to 4/6, small 2/6 per box.

Grapes.—White Muscatels, 7/ to 8/6 per box.

Oranges.—Queensland: 4/ to 5/ per packer. Local: Choice 8/, medium 5/ to 6/ per gin-case.

Mandarins.—Emperors, 4/ to 5/ per box, 7/ to 8/ per gin-case. Thornies, 4/ to 5/ per box.

Lemons.—Medium 5/ to 7/, choice 9/ to 11/.

VEGETABLES.

Sellers report that business in the above line has been brisk at about late rates. The supplies of cabbages and cauliflowers have been larger, and as a consequence both these vegetables have weakened a little in price. Pumpkins, of which there is also a large supply to hand, have also weakened in price; but a consignment of jam melons realised higher prices than those obtained last Monday. Swede turnips and onions have firmed a little, while Early Rose and sweet potatoes are a trifle cheaper. Horse radish is much cheaper, and turnips, spinach, and mint are a little dearer.

Current quotations were:—

Cauliflowers, 5/ to 5/6, medium 3/ to 3/6, small 1/; cabbages, large 4/ to 4/6, medium 2/6, small 1/ to 1/3; pumpkins, large 5/6; medium 2/6, small 1/; lettuce, /9 to 1/; vegetable marrow, 1/6 to 2/; cucumbers, 2/ to 2/6, small 1/6; jam melons, 3/ per dozen; carrots, 1/; parsnips, 1/ to 1/3; turnips, 1/ to 1/6; beetroot, /9 to 1/; leeks, 1/; eschalots, 1/; spinach, 1/; parsley, 1/; herbs, /6 to /9; mint, 1/6; watercress, 2/6; asparagus, 5/6; rhubarb, large 2/ to 2/3, small 1/ to 1/6; celery, large 1/6 to 2/, small 1/; radishes, /9 to 1/; horse radish, 8/ per dozen bunches; potatoes, Early Rose 5/ to 5/6, sweet 5/6; swede turnips, 5/ to 5/6; onions, 6/6 per cwt; French beans, 1/6 to 2/; green peas, 3/ to 3/6; chillies, 4/ per bushel; tomatoes, 2/6 per quarter-case, 3/6 to 4/ per half-case.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., Schute, Bell, and Co., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Furskins.—Kangaroo, wallaroo, bear, and swamp and rock wallaby realised about late rates, while sound scrub wallaby were inclined towards higher values. An excited market prevailed for rabbitskins, and prices were a full /½ per lb higher. Opossumskins: 5714 were offered. A brisk demand was in evidence, and values advanced /6 per dozen on ordinary sorts, and /6 to 1/ for super skins. Quotations:—Grey kangaroo, large /32 to /52½ each, medium /15 to /31, small /6 to /14; red kangaroo, large /30 to /50, medium /12 to /29, small /4 to /11; wallaroo, large /22 to /40, medium /11 to /21, small /3 to /10; wallaby, (scrub), large /12 to /21½, medium /4 to /11, small /1 to /3; wallaby (swamp), large /8 to /14½, medium /2½ to /7½, small /1 to /2; wallaby (rock), /1 to /4½; goats, best /20 to /29, seconds /3 to /18; bears, best /13 to /18, seconds /4 to /6; rabbits, first /7 to /8½ per lb, medium /4 to /6½, small and inferior /2½ to /4½. Opossumskins: grey, super 16/6 to 18/6 per doz, first 14/ to 15/9, second 11/ to 13/6, third 7/6 to 10/; rumped, top 8/6 to 11/, first 6/ to 8/3, second 3/ to 5/9; torn and weevily 2/ to 6/6; red, super 16/ to 17/9, first 14/ to 15/6, second 10/ to 12/, third 6/ to 9/; black, first 25 to 33/, medium 15/ to 22/6, inferior 10/ to 12/6.

Leather.—Sales were held yesterday by Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd. Special lines of sole and best calf tweeds and waxed splits were in demand, while kips and tweeds were not asked for. Basils, bridle, and bag, were very quiet. Quotations:—Calf tweed, best /18 to /20 per lb; cow tweed, best /15 to /16, common /13 to /14; yearling tweed, best /16 to /17; split yearling tweed, best /16 to /17; waxed calf, super /24 to /26, medium and fair /18 to /20; kip, super /13½ to /14, ordinary and heavy /12 to /13; waxed yearling, best /14 to /16, heavy /12 to /13; dressed splits, super /8½ to /9½, ordinary /6 to /7, I'ghtan'd /9 to /6; sole, light /9 to /10, medium /11 to /12, heavy /13 to /15, faulty and dmgd. /4 to /8; shoulders, /8 to /8½; bellies, /6 to /7; basils, saddlers' 18/ to 21/, per doz, 1 shoe 14/ to 15/, 2 shoe 10/6 to 12/, 3 shoe 4/6 to 7/6; bridle, 13/ to 14/ per side; bag, 10/6 to 13/; harness, best heavy brown /14 to /15 per lb, medium /11½ to /13, best heavy black /14 to /15, medium black /13 to /14.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of May 4, 229 sheep vans and 124 cattle waggons have been ordered, and for that of May 7 325 sheep vans and 120 cattle waggons. Order books used for cattle waggons up to and including the market of June 11, and for sheep vans up to and including the market of May 14.

HOMEBUSH SALES.

At to-day's fat stock sales to be held at Homebush the offerings will be 1018 cattle and 22,783 sheep.

CITY YARDS.

At the city auction yards 378 head of calves were yarded, comprising all sizes, the bulk being only medium quality. Buyers who were in good attendance operated freely for any prime sorts, and the prices for these ruled firm at late rates. Medium quality were hard to sell at reduced values.

The following prices were realised:—

Extra prime and weighty yearlings £3/10/ to £4, good £3 to £3/10/, medium £2/10/ to £3, others from £2; prime weighty vealers 45/ to 55/, good 35/ to 45/, medium 30/ to 35/, others from 25/; poddies and small sorts from 8/ to 25/, according to size and quality.

RANDWICK RATING.

REFERENDUM ON SATURDAY.

A referendum of the ratepayers of Randwick is to be taken on Saturday on the rating question. Ratepayers will be asked to decide for or against the council's proposal of 2d in the £ on the unimproved capital value and ⅜d in the £ on the improved capital value, or the alternative of a single rate on the unimproved capital value. The municipality has been valued at £1,300,000 unimproved and £2,907,742 improved, the annual assessed value being £163,356. According to the council's estimate of expenditure for the current year £19,450 will be required to carry on, the proposed rates being apportioned to produce the necessary amount. If however, the single rating is carried at the poll, the rate on the unimproved capital value will require to be 3½d in the £ to produce the required revenue.

Last night a meeting was held at the local Town Hall, convened and presided over by the Mayor, to discuss the situation. The position at Randwick is rather a unique one, in so far that the municipality embraces a larger extent of vacant land, a considerable proportion of which is Crown property and therefore not amenable to taxation, than any other municipality within the metropolitan area. There is something like 2000 acres of such land in Randwick. If the consensus of feeling exhibited at the hall can be taken as a criterion of the views held by ratepayers, Randwick will fall into line with the rest of its neighbours in the eastern suburbs that have resorted to a referendum on the rating question.

FIRE AT GLEBE.

A fire broke out at 6.22 yesterday morning in the premises occupied by W. Evans and Co., chair manufacturers, in St. John's-road, Glebe. The Metropolitan Fire Brigade attended, and extinguished the fire with the aid of one hydrant. A workshop at the rear of the premises, together with the contents, was damaged by fire and water. The damage is covered by insurance in the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company to the extent of £125.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RAINE and HORNE.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land.

FURNITURE and MERCHANDISE.

DEAN and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Office Fittings, Ice Chest, etc.

J. R. JONES.—At 18 Enmore-road, Newtown, at 11, Furniture, Sewing Machine, Motor Cycle, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2.30, Furniture, Crockery, etc.

A. HARVEY and CO.—At the Saleroom, at 2.30, Ceylon Tea.

H. and A. LAWSON.—Corner William-street, Hyde Park, at 11, Pianos, Furniture, etc.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the Mart, at 11.30, Wire Rope, Galvanised Iron Rope, Wire Netting, Earthenware, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At the Rooms, at 11, Watches, Jewellery, etc.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON.—At Rosemount, Enmore-road, Enmore, at 11, Piano, Sewing Machine, Mangle, Carpets, Furniture, etc.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At Freemason's Hotel, York-street, at 11, Piano, Gas Stove, Ice Chests, Linoleum, Furniture, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 81 George-street West, at 2, Clothing, Boots, Drapery, etc.

STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10, Hair, Horns, Sundries; at 2.30, Tallow.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11, Milch Cows; at 3, Cattle.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.15, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. BARNETT and PUGH.—At 173-5 Goulburn-street, at 11, Building Materials, etc.

J. COWAN.—Corner Campbell and Elizabeth streets, at 11, Building Materials, etc.

D. and W. BAINES.—At Audley-street, Petersham, at 3, Building Materials, etc.

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"BODALLA" CHEESE, BACON, HAMS, and LARD.—The Bodalla Co., Ltd., 229 Sussex-st.—Advt.

Ellis and Co., Live Stock and Produce Merchants.—Sales of Hay, Chaff, etc., held at Redfern daily.—Advt.

A page of this week's "Sydney Mail" is devoted to the Coolangatta Ayrshire cattle.—Advt.

MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

The announcement contained in private cables received yesterday morning that lead had dropped another 2/6—touching £13—and that the buying offers for Australian silver stocks on the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday disclosed a flabby market, had a bad effect upon the morning's operations.

A glance at the London Stock Exchange quotations shows that buyers for B.H. Block 10 quoted 1/6 down, British (old) /3½ down, and B.H. Norths, /9 down; and that there were sellers of B.H. Souths (paid) at 56/3, or 1/3 below the local closing sale on Tuesday. Naturally enough, these circumstances had an adverse effect upon silver shares this morning, as will be seen by the fact that B.H. Souths (paid) receded from 57/6 to 57/, prompt delivery, with sellers at 57/ for ordinary delivery. The contributing scrip dropped from 54/ to 51/, but hardened to 52/ at noon. B.H. Block 14 (pref.) eased from 13/9 to 12/3, the previous day's sellers standing out for 13/.

B.H. Junctions were exchanged at 2/3, the previous sale some weeks ago being 2/7. B.H. Junction North sold at 16/ prompt, a decline of /3 on the previous sale, and /9 under what sellers held out for on Tuesday. Business on six weeks' terms was booked in B.H. Block 10 at 43/ and 43/6; whilst the best buyers for ordinary delivery offered 43/6, with no sellers recorded. The previous sale for ordinary delivery was at 47/6. Time sales were also recorded in British (old) and B.H. Proprietary. Local buyers offered 37/6, as against London buyers at 36/9; but sellers here would not make the concession demanded.

The copper section seemed to be overshadowed by the attention paid to silver interests. The only business recorded was in Chillagoe (contg.) at 4/9 (unchanged), and Budgery Mine (paid) at 3/, a fall of /4, despite the announcement in the manager's report that the last parcel of ore sent to Lithgow assayed over 11 per cent. per ton. If this ore was not picked the assay is a good one. Other copper stocks were quoted too wide for business to follow.

In tin stocks, Gilmore Tin held firm at late rates, consequent on a report that good stone has been cut at the 200ft level. More than usual attention was devoted to gold shares, and considerable business was recorded; but not in every case at satisfactory rates.

In the afternoon copper stocks came more into favour, and a fair amount of business was transacted in Mount Molloys at 5/3 prompt, a decline from 5/8, possibly on account of the announcement that 50,000 10/ preferential shares are to be issued by the directors. Time transactions were booked in Mount Elliotts at 50/; Mungana's eased from 7/9 to 6/8, but Hampden's recovered from 11/ to 11/6.

In the case of silver shares, time transactions were booked in B.H. Block 10 and B.H. South (contg.), whilst B.H. Souths (paid) sold at 57/, equalling the morning fall of /6 from the previous day. B.H. Junction North, even at prompt delivery, was a fraction weaker. In the tin section, Gilmore Tin commanded good support at an advance on the morning business, whilst gold stocks were represented by a further upward movement in New Brilliant Freehold and East Mexican, with a weakening of Baker's Creek.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Bogan River, contributing	0 2 0	0 2 6
Budgery Mines	0 2 6	0 3 3
Chillagoe, contributing	0 4 6	0 4 9
Grafton	1 3 0	1 8 0
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	0 11 0	..
Kyloe	0 3 6	0 4 6
Ditto, contributing	0 2 6	0 3 6
Lloyd Copper	0 3 10	0 4 2
Lobb's Hole	0 10 0	0 11 0
Ditto, contributing	0 7 6	0 8 9
M'Gregor-Cloncurry, paid	0 3 10	..
Mount Cuthbert	0 5 2	0 6 6
Mount Elliott	2 10 0	2 11 6
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 7 8	0 7 9
O. K.	0 4 0	0 4 3
Queen Bee	0 7 0	0 9 0
Roebourne	..	0 4 6
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 7 3	..
TIN.		
Gilmore	0 6 10	0 7 0
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 12 1½	0 13 6
Broken Hill Proprietary	1 16 6	..
Ditto, Block 10	2 3 6	..
Ditto, Block 14	0 12 0	0 13 9
Ditto, preference	0 12 0	0 12 9
B. H. Junction	0 2 3	0 2 5
B. H. Junction North	0 16 0	0 16 3
B. H. North	1 15 6	1 16 6
B. H. South	2 16 6	2 18 6
B. H. South, contributing	2 11 6	2 12 0
B. H. South Blocks	0 10 3	0 11 0
C. S. A. Mines, paid	..	1 0 0
Sulphide Corporation (ordinary)	0 7 9	0 9 0
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 3 8	0 3 9
Harden	1 1 0	1 3 0
Harden Central, paid	0 1 0	0 1 6
Ditto, contributing	0 0 3	0 0 6
Harden West	0 3 4	0 3 6
Ditto, contributing	0 1 0	0 1 3
Mount David	0 3 0	0 3 4
Mount Drysdale	0 1 0	0 2 6
Myall and Peak Hill, paid	..	0 2 6
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 7 8	0 7 10
Occidental	..	0 3 0
Sunlight	..	0 0 8
Wyalong and New Homeward Bound	..	0 8 0
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	..	0 3 0
Araluen Central	0 5 10	0 6 6
Associated Gold Dredging	..	0 4 6
Buckland River South Extended	..	0 4 6
Cope's Creek	..	0 7 0
Elrington	0 1 6	..
Jembaicumbene	..	0 2 0
New Wylie Creek	0 4 6	0 6 0
Ovens Valley	0 5 6	..
Reform Tri, paid	0 3 0	..
Tingha Tin	..	..
Tewkesbury Amalgamated	1 2 0	0 4 0
Queensland—Charters Towers, etc.		
Brilliant Block, contributing	0 0 9	..
Brilliant Extended	..	0 9 0
Ditto, contributing	0 6 3	..
Mount Morgan	3 6 0	3 7 6
Queen Cross Reef	0 2 0	..
Ruby	0 2 10	..
Ditto, contributing	0 2 4	..
Victoria and Caledonia Block	0 1 0	..
Victory	0 0 4	0 0 6
Gympie.		
East Oriental and Glanmire	0 3 7	..
Ditto, contributing	0 3 7	..
Great Northern, contributing	..	0 0 6
Great Western	..	0 2 0
North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1	..	0 12 6
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	0 0 7½	..
North Smithfield, No. 1	0 4 0	..
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	..	0 1 0
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 1 1	..
South Great Eastern, No. 2	0 1 1½	0 1 2½
Western Australia.		
Great Boulder	1 6 0	..

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper: Chillagoe, 4/9; Budgery Mines, paid, 3/.

Silver: Broken Hill Block 14, pref, 12/3; ditto, six weeks, sellers' option, 12/3, 12/1½; Broken Hill Junction, 2/3; Broken Hill Junction North, 16/ prompt; one month, 15/6; Broken Hill South, contg, 51/6, 51/, 51/6; two months, 51/6; ordinary, 52/; Broken Hill South, paid, 57/, prompt; Broken Hill Block 10, six weeks, 43/, 43/6; British (old), one month, 13/1½; Broken Hill Proprietary, two weeks, 37/9.

Tin: Gilmore Tin, 6/8, 6/9.

Gold: Mount David, 3/3; New B. Freehold, 6/1; S. Glanmire and Monkland, 1/2; No. 2 S. G. Eastern, 1/1; Harden West, paid, 3/6; ditto, contg, 1/3.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Mount Molloy, 5/3 prompt; O.K. Copper, 4/2; Mount Elliott, six weeks, 50/; Mungana, 6/8; Hampdens, 11/6.

Silver.—B.H. Block 10, six weeks, 43/9; B.H. South (contg.), 51/6; six weeks, 51/; two months, 51/; B.H. South (paid), two months, 57/; ordinary, 57/; prompt, 57/; B.H. Junction, 16/1½ prompt.

Tin.—Gilmore Tin, 7/, 6/11.

Gold.—New Brilliant Freehold, 6/3; Baker's Creek, 3/9; East Mexican (contg), 2/6.

MINING NOTES.

Gympie crushings:—No. 1 N. Victory, 53 tons, 130oz gold; No. 1 N. Smithfield, 300 tons, 660oz amalgam; Oriental, 1100 tons, 1540 oz amalgam.

London quotations, dated April 27, received by the B.H. Proprietary, give the following buying quotations:—Silver, 2s 0 9-16d; lead, £13/2/6; company's shares, 36/; spelter, £21/5/.

The manager of the Gilmore Tin mine (Queensland) telegraphs that 18in of good stone is showing at the 200ft level. The lode is making water. They have gone through the brown stone into pyrites. Dolly Gray, fair value."

The directors of the Phoenix (Victoria) Gold-dredging Company have declared a dividend (No. 33) of 1/ per share, payable on and after May 8, 1908. The transfer books will be closed from May 2 to 8, 1908, both inclusive.

The shaft of the Harden Central Gold mine has been sunk 11ft. making a total of 225ft; it has been fully timbered. The sinking was through hard country, but when the channel of the reef is cut, it is expected that quicker progress in sinking will be made.

The managing director of the Tewkesbury Amalgamated Gold-dredging Company, Victoria, telegraphed late on Tuesday evening:—"No. 5 dredge secured record yield for Victoria to-day, 140oz gold for 130 hours' run." A parcel of the shares sold at 22/ on the strength of this notification.

Private cables state that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday were the following:—B.H. Block 10, b 44/6 (1/6 down); British (old), b 12/1½ (/3½ down); B.H. Proprietary, b 36/9 (/9 down); B.H. Souths (paid), s 56/3; B.H. South Blocks, b 10/9; B.H. Norths, b 35/9 (/9 down); Chillagoes (contg.), b 4/6; Mount Lyells, 27/9 (m); Great Cobars, b £6/1/6 (3/6 down); Kalgurlis, b £7/15/; Ivanhoes, b £7/17/6; Oroya-Black Range, b 17/6. Lead was quoted at £13, a fall of 2/6. No quote was given for copper; hence it is presumed to be unchanged at £57/15/. Tin was quoted at £142.

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The ninth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Turon River Gold-dredging Company was held at the Employers' Federation rooms. Mr. R. G. D. Fitz-Gerald occupied the chair. The directors' report and balance-sheet, which were unanimously adopted, stated that during the year ended March 31, 1908, both dredges had done excellent work, and had put in good time. The ground, however, proved to be variable as to value, the gold returns being lower than the previous year. No. 1 dredge won 1114oz, and No. 2 dredge won 985oz, of a total value of £7923 17s 3d. A new pontoon has been built on the company's lowest lease, and will be ready to receive the machinery of either dredge as required. Mr. E. B. Henning was re-elected a director, and Mr. J. Moore was re-appointed auditor.

MINING IN THE STATE.

ORANGE, Wednesday.

The result of the last crushing from the Ballarat mine at Forest Reefs shows that 500 tons averaged 8dwt per ton.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

A contract has been let for driving 100 feet north and south on the lode at the Welcome Jack.

The shaft at the Welcome Twist is down 22 feet in the formation. A dark vein which was struck in the country was tried with the dish, and gave a splendid prospect.

A syndicate has been formed to work J. Welsh's lease, to the north of the Golconda, and a start was made with the shaft yesterday. As the kaolin can be traced on the surface, it is anticipated that no difficulty will be experienced in picking up the lode. The new mine has been named the Victor.

The sinking in the Welcome Mick has become very hard, so that progress is slow. The prospects show that the claim is still on gold.

The lode from the open cut in the Coronation is being sold to the Commonwealth, as it has been found suitable in the treatment of the Commonwealth ore. A start has not yet been made with the tunnel to be put in to drain the country.

A party of prospectors are testing the gravel beach at Ponto Falls for dredging purposes. They have bored 47 feet, but have not yet got the bottom.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The only development work now in progress in the British mine is the sinking of the Thompson shaft, which is down 162ft below the 800ft level. A little ore is still showing in the bottom. Good progress is being made with the erection of the power plant.

Last week the 800ft winze in the B.H. North mine was deepened a few feet. The 950ft main crosscut was driven 7ft, and the main north drive 6ft. The erection of a crude ore bin at the new main shaft is well in hand.

TIN-MINING INDUSTRY.

REVOKING MINERAL RESERVES.

PROTEST BY MINES.

EMMAVILLE, Wednesday.

The discovery made by C. Carter announced last week, continues to improve, and the reefs are widening as they go down. Last Thursday he washed up 25lb of tin from a bucket of dirt. Several other parties are now prospecting on the hill.

Small parcels of tin continue to come in from several parts of the district, which shows there is a deal of prospecting going on. Water is beginning to get short in places, which will prevent a number from cleaning up.

The opening up of the Rose Valley Deep Lead will mean a great deal to this town, as it will necessarily give employment to a good number of hands. Mr. Burgin, the manager, is here, making arrangements to commence the work on the arrival of the machinery, which is now on its way. The company which has acquired the property is a wealthy one, and will install the latest machinery.

The manager of the Great Britain Tin-Sluicing Company reports that sluicing operations were satisfactorily carried on during the week, but the ground continues very hard. Good tin is being obtained; the last clean up gave a yield of over 5 tons, making 9 tons for the four weeks, which is above the average. The big stones are giving some trouble, as they have to be kept clear of the pumphole. There is ample water for some weeks, although there has been no rain to make water during the past two months.

The Y-Water Dredging Company is cleaning up, and when finished sluicing operations will be suspended for an indefinite period, the main reason being that the water supply has given out. Up to the present the return of tin for the nine months is slightly over 13 tons, and the present clean up is estimated to give about another 2 tons. Of late the slurry has been giving a deal of trouble, and a great amount of time has been devoted in trying to cope with the difficulty. As it is running on the common lands it is beginning to prove somewhat of a nuisance. The directors inspected the property last week, and made a thorough investigation of the workings of the dredge, but until their report is officially received nothing definite will be known as to the future operations of the company. It is practically certain the dredge will not be allowed to remain idle any length of time, when the water supply difficulty has been surmounted. The company are now applying for 40 acres below the dredge, for the purpose of building a large dam, and in the meantime several improvements will be effected at the dredge.

J. Sullings is applying for an area of 20ac 2rd 5per at Murdering Flat, for the purpose of dredging. Some good tin was obtained from the flat in the early days.

Locally tin is quoted at 25/6 per unit, which is at the rate of £88/7/6 per ton.

It is stated that a large area of the mineral reserves of this district are likely to be revoked at an early date, and in order to checkmate any such move the Emmaville Miners' Association has already taken steps in that direction, for the cancelling of the reserves would greatly hamper prospecting operations. A reply has been received from the Mines Department stating that several proposals are under consideration, but that careful inquiry would be made with the view of conserving the miners' interests.

The manager of Bourke's Hill Tin-Sluicing Company reports on April 25:—No. 2 plant is now blowing in the paddock, the country being somewhat easier. The work of shifting No. 1 plant has been completed, and sluicing operations were resumed to-day, the machinery all running well. The water supply is good.

A deal of tin is being held by claim holders in this district, who are not satisfied with the price offered locally, and they will not sell until there is a better market ruling. Some of the parcels amount to 2 and 3 tons.

At the Elsie dredge sluicing operations are being carried on successfully in the new paddock, which promises to be the best yet worked. The ground is new, and rich tin is showing in places. Some trouble was caused by the pumps refusing to act on the resumption of operations, but this difficulty has been overcome. The first clean up from the new paddock will take place this week, when a good yield is anticipated. The water supply is good.

During last week a local buyer purchased 3 tons 10cwt of tin from the Tableland (Torrington).

QUEENSLANDER GOLD MINE.

PROMISING PROPOSITION.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

A report from Wattle Flat describes the Queenslander as a promising mine. The workings are, because of their size, designated quarries. Five have been opened out; some from 50ft deep, with a breadth of 40ft, and 50ft to 20ft and 30ft. The rock is diorite, with innumerable reefs and leaders traversing in various directions, all carrying more or less gold. In some of the faces the quartz is pretty thickly studded with gold. In one of the workings a reef has been found 2ft thick, carrying gold freely. Crushings from some of the workings have gone from 8dwt to 13dwt to the ton. The mine has had several owners since its inception. Some have done remarkably well. In No. 3 quarry, where present operations are being carried on, gold is showing freely. From this place 39 tons have been mined for 50oz 4dwt of gold.

There is a large quantity of second-grade ore lying around, which would be crushed if crushing facilities were not too dear. If they had a large battery on the river (Turon), and a tramline from the mine, the Queenslander would be a great gold-producer. The present owners, J. Atherton and Sons, deserve great credit for overcoming every obstacle in order to economically work the mine.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Western Australian mines: Associated, 17/9, 17/4½, b 17/4½, s 17/6; Perseverance, 4/8, 4/9, b 4/8, s 4/10½; Boulders, 26/10½, 26/9, b 26/9, s 26/10½; Golden Pole, 1/11, b 1/10, s 1/11; Golden Ridge, b 45/, s 60/; Ivanhoe, b £7/11/, s £7/12/; Lake View Consols, 10/6½, b 10/6, s 10/9; Mararoa, 13/, 13/3, b 13/, s 13/3; Oroya, 11/9, b 11/9, s 12/3; Gwalia South (paid), 19/9; South Kalgurli, 9/10, 9/1, 9/2, b 9/2, s 9/3.

Various: Baker's Creek, 3/7, b 3/6, s 3/7.

Silver: B. H. Proprietary, 37/10½, 38/3, 38/4½, b 38/3, s 38/6; Block 14 (ordinary), b 13/3, s 13/6; British (old), 13/3, 13/, 13/3, b 13/1½, s 13/3; ditto (new), 12/10½, 13/, b 12/9, s 13/; Block 10, b 44/, s 46/; Junctions, 2/2½, 2/2, b 2/2, s 2/2½; B. H. Norths, b 34/9, s 35/9; Souths (paid), 57/, 56/6, 57/9, b 57/, s 57/9; ditto (contg), 52/6, 51/6, 52/6; South Blocks, 10/6, 10/, 10/1½, b 10/, s 10/3; Zinc, 4/3½; Junction North, b 15/6, s 16/.

Copper: Chillagoe, 5/8, b 5/7, s 5/8; Hampden, 11/7½, 11/9; Molloys, b 5/1, s 5/6; Mungana, b 7/9, s 7/10½; Wallaroo, 28/1½, 28/, b 28/, s 28/3.

Tin: Ringarooms, b 15/, s 20/.

BENDIGO, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations and sales were:—Catherine, b 18/3, s 18/9; Collmann and Tacchi, b 3/3, s 9/9; Goldfield Consols, b 8/3, s 9/, sales 8/3; Goldfields North, b 8/, s 8/9, sales 8/2½; Hotwoods and Burrowes, b 4/1, s 4/4; Hustler's Reef, b 31/3, s 32/; New Chum Goldfields, b 15/10½, s 17/, sales 15/11; North Bendigo, b 6/6; Langdon, b 3/9, s 3/10, sales 4/1, 3/10; Victoria Consols, b 10/, s 12/.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Bonnie Dundee, 1/9½, 1/10½; Gilmore Tin, 6/10; United Peak Downs, 1/.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

Quotations:—B. Central, 3/2, 3/6; B. Extended, 6/7, 6/9; ditto (paid), 7/9, 8/6; Carrington, 2/8, 2/11; B. D. Gold Mines, /9, 1/; Mexican, 2/8, 3/10; ditto (paid), 4/9, 5/3; Alexandra, 1/7, 1/10; Kelly's (paid), b 1/4; Mills', 10/2, 10/3; New B. Freehold, 6/5, 6/7; Q. Cross, b 2/; Q. Central, 1/1, 1/2; Ruby, b 2/3½; ditto (paid), b 2/10.

Sales:—Bonnie, 1/10, 1/11; B. Central, 3/5; B. Block, 1/1½, 1/2; Evenden, 6/9; Mexican, 2/6 to 2/9; ditto (paid), 4/6 to 4/10; Mills', 10/ to 10/3; New B. Freehold, 6/5, 6/6; Pfeiffers', 4/2; Wallis, /6½; ditto (paid), 1/2.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

Quotations:—No. 1 N. Columbia, 1/10, 2/3; No. 3 N. Columbia, /3, /4; Columbia Extended, s 3/6; South Glanmire and Monkland, /10, 1/4; No. 2 South Great Northern, /5, 1/; No. 1 S. Lady Mary, /2, /4; Oriental and Glanmire, s 4/; No. 1 S. Oriental, /9, 1/3; East Oriental, 3/10, 4/6; East Oriental (contg), 3/8, 4/3; Oriental Consol, b /5; Phoenix Eastern Tribute, /5, /8; Smithfield and Phoenix Golden Pile, /8, /11; No. 1 N. Smithfield, 4/9, 10/; Two Mile, 1/4, 1/9; No. 1 North Victory, b 1/0½.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

Quotations: Tasmania, b 10/3, s 10/6; North Farrells, b 8/6, s 8/9; Victoria Zeehan, b /11, s 1/1; Hercules, b 7/, s 9/; Tasmanian Copper, b 5/3, s 5/10; Mount Bischoff, b £31/17/6, s £32/5/; Arba, s 11/6; Pioneer, b 22/6, s 30/.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver: B.H. Block 10, b 43/, s 45/; British Broken Hill (old), 13/2, b 13/2, s 13/4; Broken Hill, 38/, 37/7½, b 37/3, s 37/6; Junction North, b 14/; Souths (contg.), b 51/, s 51/6; ditto (paid), 57/, 56/9, s 57/3; New W. Leads, b /1; North Broken Hill, 36/6, b 35/, s 37/6; Sulphide, b 3/; Zinc Corporation, b 4/, s 5/.

Copper: Mount Lyell, 28/1½, 28/, b 27/10½, s 28/3; Chillagoe, 4/7, 4/6½; ditto (paid), 5/6, 5/7, b 5/6, s 5/6½; Hampden, 11/4, 11/, 11/1, b 10/10, s 11/1; Macgregor, b 3/9; Mount Cuthbert, 5/11, 5/10, b 5/, s 6/3; Mount Elliott, 51/, 50/, b 50/, s 50/6; Mungana, 7/8½, 7/7, b 7/7, s 7/8; O.K. Copper (Adelaide register), b 4/, s 4/2.

Tin mines: Amalgamated Tin, b 2/, s 3/; Bischoff, b £31, s £32/5/; Briseis, 11/, b 11/, s 11/1; Melbourne Cope's Creek, s 7/6; Pioneer Extended, 6/9, b 6/7, s 7/; Tongkah Harbour, 15/6, b 15/6, s 16/6.

Victorian gold mines: Catherine Reef, 19/, 18/9, b 18/6, s 19/1½; Great Southern, b 24/6; Hustler's Reef, 31/, 31/6, b 31/6, s 31/9; Long Tunnel, £5/9/, b £5/8/, s £5/9/; ditto Extended, £10/6/, b £9/15/, s £10/10/; New Chum Goldfields, b 15/9; New Loch Fyne, b 3/; North Bendigo, b 5/9; North New Moon, b 9/; South German, b 9/6, 11/; South New Moon, s 46/; The Langdon, 4/, 3/9, s 3/9.

Western Australian gold mines: Barrambie Ranges, 3/, b 2/6, s 3/; ditto (paid), b 3/, s 3/6; Barrambie South, s /6; Black Range, b 29/, s 30/; ditto, Kohinoor, b 4/6, s 4/11; Havilah, b 7/6, s 20/; Mararoa, b 11/; Tindals, b 13/, s 13/3.

WEST TASMANIAN MINES.

ZEEHAN, Tuesday.

The width of the ore body passed through in the east crosscut, B lode, of the Hercules mine, is not less than 14ft. The ore in the face is more mixed, and is showing a fair percentage of copper. Copper ore is also being broken in the main No. 4 level, the width of the lode being 14ft, and in wing stope 15ft. Some very nice clean ore is being obtained. Ninety tons of copper being sent to Williamsford mills, but the output of sulphides has been suspended, pending the reopening of the smelters.

Pumping has been resumed on the Adelaide mine, and sinking is progressing on the Victoria Zeehan.

More activity is being displayed on the Mount Balfour field, since the Mount Lyell Company took up a large area. One party sent out 35 tons of copper ore, while the prospects of the Balfour mine have improved. Good grade ore continues to be won at both the Primrose and Tasmanian copper mines.

Tributers on the Silver King are meeting with good prospects, and intend making another sink. Several tribute parties are also about starting on the Florence.

There is no chance of a settlement of the labour difficulty at the Magnet, while anxiety continues about the resumption of work at the smelters. Many miners, fearing a long delay, are making arrangements to migrate to the other States.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, April 29.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday, quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b 36/3, s 37/6; British Broken Hill, b 12/6, s 13/6; Block 10, b 43/9, s 46/3; North Broken Hill, b 35/, s 37/6; South Broken Hill, b 55/, s 57/6.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Burragorang Silver-mining Company, April 25:—Kerry shaft down 617ft, lode in face 3ft, consisting of quartz with specks of ore, 1 to 2 in. of black flucan on hanging wall. In cutting down Kerry shaft some nice ore showing below No. 4 level east for 15ft in length, averaging from 1 to 5 in. thick. No. 3 level east stope: Lode 5in. No. 3 underhand stope: Lode 12in, consisting of solid ore. Raised for the week from all sources 9½ tons "firsts" and 6¼ tons "seconds;" despatched 13½ tons.

BANKING LECTURE.

A general meeting of members of the Institute of Bankers of New South Wales was held at the rooms, Equitable-building, last night. The general business was election of members, but no candidates came forward. Mr. F. A. A. Russell, M.A., barrister-at-law, read a paper on "Bankers' Lien and Equitable Mortgages." He explained the law as it stood on the subject, illustrating by cases, and did not go beyond the technical aspect of the subject.

THE VALUE OF AN AGREEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—On reading the account in your paper of 20th inst of the annual picnic of the Trolly, Draymen, and Carters' Union, I notice Mr. Cutler, of the Trades Council, stated, "If there was one body of unionists above others that deserved commendation it was the trolly and draymen;" and further, "In the recent struggle they were ready to knock off work at a moment's notice, and they were just as ready to go back to the wharfs in the middle of the strike without asking for reasons. It was their loyalty to unionism that made them do it," etc. To me it seems more than strange that the carters should be commended for their readiness in coming out, in view of the fact that in September last an agreement was drawn up between the Master Carters and the Trolly, Draymen, and Carters' Union that they should have no disputes between them for at least twelve months—this agreement being signed by both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Connington, and on which the present Arbitration Court award was made—yet they deliberately ignore it seven months afterwards, are praised for doing it, and complimented on their loyalty to unionism. It would certainly appear that their loyalty to unionism outweighed their loyalty to the September agreement, and if agreements signed on their behalf can be so lightly set aside, and that they in doing so earn the commendation of Messrs. Hughes and Cutler, then of what value is the agreement? And what is the worth of such a bond, supposed to have been given by honourable men to those who accepted it in good faith, only to find that it could be broken without any compunction, and that those who broke it were accorded praise for their action? Had the other parties to the bond acted similarly it is interesting to conjecture what would have been said. Of this, however, we can rest assured, that there would have been no mention of loyalty and no credit given to the Master Carters for their unionist principles.

I am, etc., JAMES M'MAHON,

President Master Carriers' Association.

The Braybrook (Victoria) railway collision is illustrated in the "Sydney Mail" this week. It shows the engine, wrecked carriages, and the removing of the dead from the Spencer-street station.—Advt.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The programme for the pony and galloway races at Rosebery on the 6th prox is set forth in our business columns, and entries must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. J. Underhill, before 5 p.m. to-day.

The racing mare, Lady Clements, by St. Clements from Maria, will be offered for sale by auction at Messrs. William Inglis and Son's bazaar, Pitt-street, at noon to-day.

The Victoria Park Racing Club is in the field with the bill of fare for the pony and galloway meeting on May 13, and entries for the seven events, which include the Fourth "Fifty" for horses 14.2 a.u., and the Fourth Victoria Park "Hundred," must be in the hands of the secretary, Mr. S. Peters, before 5 p.m. on Thursday next.

Elkhorn was yesterday withdrawn from the Club Welter in connection with City Tattersall's Club Autumn Meeting, which takes place on Saturday.

The Victorian jockey G. Ross, who rode Dyed Garments in the Sydney Cup, has accepted an engagement to ride for an important stable in Germany, and left Melbourne on Tuesday by the steamer Mongolia for his new destination.

On Saturday last at Morphettville, the stewards of Adelaide Tattersall's Club imposed 12 months' disqualification on H. Farmer (owner), the racehorse Graftonite, and E. Andrews (jockey) for suspicious practices in the Trial Stakes. An appeal against the decision of the stewards has been lodged with the South Australian Jockey Club. Should the appeal be dismissed, Boidol and other horses of Farmer's team will not be able to take part in the S.A.J.C. Cup meeting next month.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Mazarin and Woorooma, in charge of R. Bradfield, and Currandooley, in charge of F. King, left for Adelaide yesterday.

Mr. J. E. Stanley will not be represented at the S.A.J.C. meeting, but he may send a team over for the Adelaide Racing Club's meeting.

The following scratchings were recorded in Melbourne yesterday for the S.A.J.C. autumn meeting:—

South Australian Stakes: Kuban, Tom Tom, Doughty, Pendil, Perilous.

St. Leger Stakes.—Hasheesh, Pretty Peg, Miss Wallace, Headland, Tokon colt, Sunstone, Harmonist, Calypso filly.

Dyed Garments, who returned to Flemington from Sydney last night, in company with Grenadier, was out walking alone at Flemington this morning, and, judging by his appearance, the trip has not harmed him. Dyed Garments will probably be sent to Adelaide to-morrow.

DEATH OF MR. G. G. STEAD.

A FAMOUS BREEDER AND SPORTSMAN.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

The well-known Canterbury breeder and sportsman, Mr. G. G. Stead, passed away to-day, aged 67 years.

Mr. Stead, who was a native of Scotland, has been a leading sportsman in New Zealand for many years, and for a long period was a member of the committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club, one of the leading racing institutions in the Dominion. He was an enthusiastic sportsman, and, with horses bred by himself, his name appears on the winning list of almost every important race in New Zealand, while racegoers in this State will readily call to mind his invasion of Randwick in the spring of 1905, when his colours were borne to victory by Noctuiform in the Derby, Isolt in the Spring Maiden Stakes, Wycombe Stakes, and Members' Handicap, Sun God in the New Stakes and Grantham Stakes, and Nightfall in the Squatters' Handicap and Randwick Plate. In New Zealand he commenced racing in the early "eighties," and in the meantime has owned a number of celebrated horses, among whom were Bombshell, Multiform, Conqueror, Blue Fire, Ich Dien, Cruciform, Medallion, Maxim, Stepniak, Uniform, Altair, Menschikoff, Orloff, Reynard, Skobeloff, Bellicent, Trenton, Mannlicher, Screw Gun, Formosan, Bloodshot, Gold Medallist, Royal Artillery, King Log, Siege Gun, St. Michael, Beresford, Courtier, Machine Gun, and Gipsy King. Mr. Stead was a wonderfully good judge of a horse, and his success as a breeder was almost phenomenal, his stud at Yaldhurst comprising a number of high-class matrons. As a sportsman he was straightforward and honourable, and his demise is a distinct loss to the turf, not only in New Zealand, but throughout Australasia.

ASCOT RACING CLUB.

A pony and galloway race meeting was held under the control of the Associated Clubs at Ascot yesterday. The weather was fine, the track in good order, the fields large, and the sport passed off without mishap or unpleasantness.

Results:—

Flying Handicap of 25 sovs., second 7, and third 3 sovs. from the prize, 5f.—Remark, by Seneschal—Arbitress, 6yrs, 8st 5lb (G. Russell), 1; Bato, 7st 6lb (E. Williams), 2; Good Rose, 8st 12lb (W. Jacques), 3. Other starters: Violet Cup, 8st 10lb; Mr. Cochrane, 8st 5lb; Levard, 8st 3lb; Roels, 8st 2lb; Miss Kingsley, 8st; Terara, 7st 13lb; Generis, 7st 8lb; The Player, 7st 5lb; Barneyonte, 7st 4lb; Le Ver, 7st. Betting: 2 to 1 v Remark, 5 to 2 v Good Rose, 6 to 1 v Barneyonte, 7 to 1 v The Player, 8 to 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 2¼s.

Fourteen Hands Handicap of 25 sovs; second 3, and third 2 sovs from the prize, 4f.—Elector, by Zariff, aged, 8st 8lb (S. M'Donald), 1; Astoria, 9st (J. Cook), 2; Lady Triem, 9st 7lb (J. Logue), 3. Other starters: Jessie, 8st 7lb; Tod, 8st 4lb; Alice B., 7st 7lb; Signorina, 7st 7lb; Addie B., 7st 7lb; Lady Tobin, 7st 7lb; Scotch Mixture, 7st 7lb. Betting: 7 to 4 v Lady Triem, 6 to 2 v Tod, 4 to 1 v Astoria, 6 to 1 v Elector, 8 to 10 to 1 v others. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 51s.

Maiden Handicap of 20 sovs, second 4, and third 2 sov. from the prize, 4f.—First division: Gerald, by Gerard—Bloom, 5yrs, 8st (Barnett), 1; Lady Kitty, 8st (Cooper), 2. Other starters: Anton, 8st 12lb; Fern Villa, 8st 12lb; Lily, 8st 12lb; Mimosa, 8st 10lb; Hautile, 8st 10lb; Miss Glen, 8st 9lb; Lady B.B., 8st 5lb; Daffodil, 8st; Alpha, 8st; Confusion, 8st. Betting: 5 to 2 v Lady Kitty, 3 to 1 v Gerald and Fern Villa, 5 to 1 v Anton, 8 to 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length and a quarter. Time, 51½s. Second division: Tariff, by Regained—Lady Heath, 8st (J. Cook), 1; Regain, 8st (H. Russell), 2. Other starters: Diamond, 8st; Hermit, 8st; Larah, 8st; Lady Metal, 8st; Nun Nicer, 8st; Miss Merton, 8st; Mabelle, 8st; Common Lassie, 8st; War Cloud, 8st. Betting: 5 to 2 v Mabelle, 3 to 1 each v Tariff and Regain, 7 to 1 v Larah, 8 to 10 to 1 v others. Won by four lengths. Time, 50½s. Run-off: Tariff, 1; Gerald, 2. Betting: 6 to 4 on Gerald. Won by a length. Time, 51s. A protest lodged against the winner of the first division was dismissed.

Fourteen-two Handicap, of 35 sovs, second 7, and third 3 sovs from the prize, 4f.—Skylark, by Woodlark—Black Swan, 6yrs, 9st (T. Walsh), 1; Lorraine, 9st 4lb (G. Russell), 2; St. John, 7st 5lb, incl. 3lb over (E. Williams), 3. Other starters: Fuse, 9st 12lb; Miss Mayfield, 8st 12lb; Boldie, 8st 10lb; Loongana, 8st 4lb; Cymbaline, 7st 6lb; Taree, 7st 6lb; Murmur, 7st 3lb; Ayr Lassie, 7st; Game Girl, 7st; Alec, 7st; Alice Moorefield, 7st; Lady Grey, 7st; Hussy, 7st. Betting: 6 to 4 on Skylark, 5 to 1 v Taree, 7 to 1 v Loongana, 10 to 1 each v Boldie and Alice Moorefield, 12 to 1 v others. Won by a length and a half. Time, 50½s.

Encourage Stakes of 30 sovs, second 3 and third 2 sovs from the prize, 4½f.—Bangle, by Nevada—Sorrow, 4yrs, 8st 1lb (C. Naulty), 1; Lucy, 8st 2lb (H. Russell), 2; The Flat, 7st 12lb (J. Cook), 3. Other starters: Blair, 9st 4lb; Step In, 8st 11lb; Fargo, 8st 2lb; Moila, 7st 11lb; Crookhaven, 7st 10lb; Paka, 7st 10lb; Miss Orril, 7st 7lb; Dexter, 7st 7lb; Isolt, 7st 7lb; Little Clarence, 7st 7lb; Pilgrim, 7st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Bangle, 4 to 1 each v The Flat and Blair, 7 to 1 each v Lucy and Crookhaven, 8 to 1 v Fargo, 10 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Tie, 56½s.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 30 sovs, second 3 and third 2 sovs from the prize, 4½f.—Claribelle, by Clarion—Wild Rose, 9st 10lb (S. M'Donald), 1; Egypt, 9st 12lb (T. Walsh), 2; Spider, 7st 12lb (H. Dove), 3. Other starters: Rella, 8st 12lb; Cronulla, 8st 10lb; Little Fellow, 8st; Game Lass, 8st; Easy Mollie, 7st 12lb; Welch Lassie, 7st 12lb; My Fancy, 7st 9lb; Hipbah, 7st 9lb; Annie, 7st 8lb; Little Bill, 7st 7lb; Dolores, 7st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Rella, 7 to 2 v Game Lass, 5 to 1 each v Egypt and Claribelle, 7 to 1 v Little Fellow, 8 to 1 v Welch Lassie, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a head. Time, 58s.

Ascot Handicap of 65 sovs, second 10 and third 5 sovs from the prize, 7f.—Blue Diamond, by Metal (imp.)—Lady G., 6yrs or aged, 9st 8lb (G. Russell), 1; Kitty Merv, 7st 10lb (G. Walsh), 2; Philatel, 10st (J. Benger), 3. Other starters: King Olaf, 8st 2lb; Telowar, 8st; Levant, 7st 4lb; Kilderkin, 7st 2lb; Glandore, 7st 2lb; Miss Rosebery, 7st; The Riot, 7st. Betting: 2 to 1 v Kilderkin, 3 to 1 v Blue Diamond, 4 to 1 v King Olaf, 5 to 1 v Telowar, 6 to 1 v Philatel, 8 to 15 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 30¼s.

ALBURY RACING CLUB.

GRAFTELAINE WINS THE CUP.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

ALBURY, Wednesday.

The Cup meeting promoted by the Albury Racing Club was commenced on the local racecourse this afternoon when ideal weather conditions prevailed, and the reunion was the largest and most successful organised by the club. From early morning the trains from the north and from the Victorian side brought thousands of visitors to the town, and the streets presented quite an air of city bustle. A special train from Benalla (Victoria) arrived at the course this afternoon, crowded with visitors, and a large number of country bookmakers were present, besides some prominent ring-men from Melbourne. For each event the entries were heavy, and business in the grandstand reserve and the St. Leger was particularly active.

Since last meeting the club has made some substantial improvements to the course, which now ranks amongst the best equipped in the State. A commodious brick building, with an ornamental roof, has been erected at a cost of £[illegible], near the grandstand, and does service as secretary's office, jockey's-room, and weighing-room. The grounds generally have been improved, and additional horse-stall accommodation provided. The Railway Department has constructed a new platform on the line, having a total length of 350 feet. The horse enclosure has been enlarged. The course is most attractively situated, the green turf track being encircled with clumps of blue gums. As usual at all racing events of the year the attendance of ladies was very large.

Results:—

First Hurdle Race of 25 sovs, second 5 sovs from prize, 2m.—Mr. John Pearce's b g Egbo, by The Admiral—Risona, 6yrs, 9st 10lb (Foster), 1; Mr. J. M'Lean's br g St. Leonard, aged, 10st 7lb (J. Cox), 2; Mr. Thomas M'Donald's b g Severne, aged, 9st 7lb (F. M'Donald), 3. Other starters: Dingo, 9st 2lb; Red Blood, 9st; Jack, 9st; Honeymead, 9st. Betting: 2 to 1 v Jack, 3 to 1 v St. Leonard, 5 to 1 each v Severne, and Egbo, 10 to 1 v others. Mr. Meade got the field nicely away, but Dingo missed the second hurdle. Racing past the stand Severne and Jack were in front, and they made the running along the back, with Egbo and St. Leonards a length behind. After the last hurdle had been crossed Severne and Jack were racing neck and neck, with Egbo and St. Leonard in their wake. Passing the stand Egbo made a brilliant run on the outside, and won by half a length. Time, 3m 51¼s.

Maiden Plate of 10 sovs, 6f.—Messrs. P. and A. Mitchell's b m Fairy Bell, by Harmonist—Grand Canary, 3yrs, 8st 5lb (Accola), 1; Mr. H. S. Power's The Manager, 3yrs, 8st 5lb (Black), 2; Mr. H. Woodbridge's Inver, 3yrs, 8st 5lb (Beaver), 3. Other starters: Melonite, 8st 12lb; Lone Marie, 8st 12lb; Normal Pitch, 8st 5lb; Flora, 7st 5lb; Melena, 7st 5lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Fairy Bell, 3 to 1 each v Melena and Inver, 6 to 1 v Normal Pitch, 10 to 1 v others. A fair start was effected, and the favourite at once took command, attended by The Manager. Fairy Bell increased her lead in the run home, and won comfortably by four lengths from The Manager. Time, 1m 18¼s.

Tabletop Stakes, of 20 sovs, 6f.—Mr. H. P. Chew's br h Barrenjoey, by Grafton—Ury, 4yrs, 9st 5lb (Fallon), 1; Mr. F. J. Mitchell's Moume, 4yrs, 7st 7lb (Barr), 2; Mr. E. Broben's Cres O, 6yrs, 9st 6lb (Woods), 3. Other starters: Fulminator, 9st 7lb; Medea, 9st 1lb; Jennie Cameron, 8st 13lb; Doriel, 8st 12lb; Quiz, 8st 7lb; Rockfall, 8st 2lb; Ada Ward, 7st 7lb; Sweet Briar, 7st 7lb; Goldlock, 7st 7lb; Strabane, 7st 5lb; Frolicsome, 7st. Betting: 4 to 1 each v Sweet Briar and Barrenjoey, 5 to 1 each v Cres O and Quiz, 6 to 1 v Ada Ward, 10 to 1 v others. Cres O made the running, followed by Quiz and Medea, and that order was maintained until the last furlong, where Barrenjoey put in his claim, and, after a brilliant run, won by a length from Moume, with Cres O third. Time, 1m 16¼s.

Albury Cup of 115 sovs; second horse 10 sovs, and third 5 sovs from the stake, 1m and 3f.—Mr. J. Cam's blk h Graftelaine, by Grafton—Elaine, 4yrs, 8st 9lb (Black), 1; Mr. G. Fitzgerald's ch g Dix, 4yrs, 7st 3lb (Parkhurst), 2; Mr. D. Slattery's Orange, aged, 9st 13lb (Clifton), 3. Other starters: Lady Melena, 9st 7lb; St. Trella, 8st 3lb; The Jew, 8st 2lb; Old Gold, 7st 12lb; Invermayson, 7st 9lb; Rata, 7st 7lb; Explosion, 7st; Helios, 6st 10lb; Prestage, 6st 7lb; Peep Bo, 6st 7lb. Betting: 7 to 4 v Orange, 4 to 1 v Graftelaine, 8 to 1 v Lady Melena, 10 to 1 each v The Jew, St. Trella, and Old Gold, 12 to 1 each v Rata and Dix, 20 to 1 v others. After a long delay a good start was effected, but Orange was cut off, and soon afterwards dropped to the rear. The colours of Lady Melena and The Jew were the first to show out, and they passed the two-furlongs post on terms, with Lady Melena next. The leading pair carried the field along the back and into the straight, where Dix, St. Trella, and Graftelaine were close handy, while Orange was making up lost ground. In the run home Graftelaine went to the front, with Dix and Orange at his girths, and the son of Grafton won by nearly a length. Time, 2m 24s.

Ladies' Bracelet, of 15 sovs, 7f.—Mrs. F. M'Kinnon's b g Dantzic, by Haut Brion—Dearest, 5yrs, 10st 7lb (Black), *1; Mrs. S. Watson's b m Clara Butt, by Harmonist—Eulogy, 3yrs, 9st 5lb (Moon), *2; Mrs. Hoysted's Mary Grafton, 3yrs, 10st 2lb (Hoysted), 3. Other starters: Rose Queen, 10st 10lb; High Rock, 10st 5lb; Navaho, 10st 2lb; Gold Sign, 10st; Parabola, 9st 13lb; Steel Bar, 9st 12lb; Too Blue, 8st 9lb; Silver City, 9st 3lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v Dantzic, 4 to 1 each v Mary Grafton and Rose Queen, 6 to 1 each v Lady Mary and High Rock, 10 to 1 v others. Mary Grafton made nearly all the running, but was passed in the straight by Dantzic and Clara Butt, whom the judge could not separate as they flashed past the post. Time, 1m 33¼s. Dantzic, who started at 3 to 1 on for the run-off, won comfortably.

Sires' Produce Stakes, of 40 sovs, second horse, 6 sovs from the stake, 5f.—Mr. J. J. M'Grath's Yuranigh's Daughter, by Yuranigh, 2yrs, 8st 8lb (Hyland), 1; Mr. H. Clayton's Chammd, 2yrs, 8st 10lb (Burns), 2; Mr. A. King's Palace Royal, 2yrs, 8st 10lb (Campbell), 3. Other starters: Hazeldene, 8st 8lb; Cinders, 8st 8lb. Betting: Even money on Yuranigh's Daughter, 2 to 1 v Hazeldene, 5 to 1 v others. Won by five lengths. Time, 1m 6¼s.

INVERELL JOCKEY CLUB.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

The annual race meeting of the Inverell Jockey Club was held yesterday, in the presence of a large attendance. The racing was the best that has been seen here for a long time, the finishes being close and exciting. Results:—

Hurdle Race, 2m.—Mr. C. J. O'Sullivan's Sylvanus, 10st 5lb, 1; Mr. D. Cross' Cobham, 11st 9lb, 2; Mr. H. Munro's Inspector, 9st 8lb, 3. Four starters. Won by half a length. Time, 4m 17s.

Trial Stakes, 6f.—Mr. J. Toomey's Lady Manton, 7st 1lb, 1; Mr. F. Murdock's Secret, 7st 2lb, 2; Mr. J. Gardiner's Psyche, 7st 7lb, 3. Six starters. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 19s.

Autumn Handicap, 6f.—Mr. E. M'Lean's Lady Wilde, 8st 6lb, 1; Mr. H. C. Stortenbecker's Wreck, 2. Mr. E. Leseberg's Ellis came second, but was 2½lb short weight. Five starters. Won by a length. Time, 1m 20s.

Welter Handicap, 6f.—Mr. F. R. Hawke's Standbar, 9st 3lb, 1; Mr. J. Gardiner's Athlete, 9st 8lb, 2; Mr. J. Lennon's No Triumph, 8st 2lb, 3. Eight starters. Won by a nose. Time, 1m 17 4-5s.

Keera Handicap, 6f.—Mr. C. Turner's Marcus, 8st 1lb, 1; Mr. O. Onus' Lord Leith, 8st 1lb, 2; Mr. E. M'Lean's Noster Gravatt, 8st 8lb, 3. Six starters. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 18 4-5s.

Oxford Handicap, 7f.—Mr. W. J. Stewart's Rection, 7st 7lb, 1; Mr. J. M'Donald's Simniloquist, 8st 5lb, 2; Mr. E. Tinneck's Wyno, 7st 4lb, 3. Won by a head. Time, 1m 31 4-5s.

The annual races were continued to-day, in the presence of a large gathering. The course was in splendid order, the racing again good, and the finishes close. The club expects a substantial profit from the meeting. In the last race to-day, Mora, ridden by Hall, fell, but the jockey, fortunately, was only slightly shaken. Rain fell during the two last races.

Results:—

Gough Handicap, 6f.—J. Callinan's Coonanburra, 8st 6lb (Bradshaw), 1; C. Turner's Marcus, 8st 2lb (Parkinson), 2; A. Onus's Lord Leigh, 8st 10lb (Walker), 3. Ten started. Time, 1m 16 2-5s. An inquiry was held into the reversal of form shown by Coonanburra as compared with that of the previous day, and horse and owner were disqualified for the meeting.

Jumpers' Flat Race, 1½m.—F. Murdock's Uno, 9st 3lb (D. Cross), 1; Cobham, 11st 7lb, 2; C. Callinan's Royal, 9st 3lb, 3. Four starters. Time, 2m 20¼s.

Inverell Jockey Club Handicap, 1m 1f.—C. Trimble's Lady Wilde, 8st 9lb (Bradshaw), 1; E. Tennock's Wyno, 8st 10lb (Hall), 2; C. Turner's Marcus, 7st 1lb (Parkinson), 3. Five starters. A great race. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 58 4-5s.

Pace Welter, 6f.—C. J. McFarland's Ascot, 9st 12lb (Hilyars), 1; J. Gardiner's Athlete, 9st 8lb (Knight), 2; J. Kingsley's Yule Cake, 8st 4lb (Hall), 3. Seven started. A splendid race, Ascot winning on the post by a neck. Time, 1m 18s.

The Shorts, 6f.—J. Lennon's No Trumps, 9st 5lb (Walker), 1; P. Gillespie's Zill, 8st 12lb (Parkinson), 2; McClosky's Lady Lock, 9st (Heffernan), 3. Five started. Won easily. Time, 1m 24s.

Forced Handicap.—H. Stortenbecker's Wreck, 7st 10lb (Heffernan), 1; A. Onus's Lord Leigh, 8st 2lb (Walker), 2; J. McDonald's Simniloquist, 9st 5lb (Callinan), 3. Six started. Won easily.

MUDGEE DISTRICT RACING CLUB.

MUDGEE, Wednesday.

The M.D.R.C. races opened to-day in beautiful weather, and there was a good attendance.

Results:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—J. M. Parkinson's Ben Buckley, 8st 2lb, 1; J. A. Nivison's Alteration, 8st 12lb, 2; T. P. Wild's Pupil, 7st 5lb, 3. Betting: 5 to 4 v Ben Buckley, 2 to 1 v Alteration, 3 to 1 v Pupil. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 16s.

Rouse Handicap, 6f.—J. M'Master, jun.'s, Piambra, 7st 10lb, 1; J. M. Allison's Mackenzie, 7st 12lb, 2; D. I. Watts's Rappel, 7st 12lb, 3. Betting: 5 to 4 v Piambra, 3 to 1 v Mackenzie, 6 to 10 to 1 v others. Nine starters. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 17 3-5s.

M.D.R.C. Handicap, 1m.—J. H. Bettington's Hautnib, 9st 5lb, 1; J. M. Parkinson's Ben Buckley, 8st 7lb, 2; H. Chippendale's Pharos, 9st, 3. Betting: 6 to 4 v Hautnib, 3 to 1 each v Ben Buckley and Pharos, 4 to 1 v Footpad. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 43 3-5s.

Havilah Stakes, 7f.—J. Birtle's Grandella, 9st 5lb, 1; Lee Hoy's Dorothy, 7st 12lb, 2; J. O'Masters' Hautville, 8st, 3. Betting: 6 to 4 on Hautville, 2 to 1 v Dorothy, 4 to 1 v Grandella, 5 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 31 1-5.

President's Handicap, 6f.—J. H. Bettington's Ribstone, 7st 10lb, 1; J. Niven's St. Cloud, 9st, 2; A. M. Cox's Euro, 7st 7st, 3. Betting: 5 to 4 on Ribstone, even money St. Cloud, 4 to 1 v Euro. Won by five lengths. Time, 1m 17 1-5s.

WARRNAMBOOL AMATEUR MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Warrnambool amateur meeting was held to-day, in splendid weather.

Details:—

Trial Handicap, 6f.—Gurth, 10st 9lb (Mr. Slattery), 1; Ironbark, 11st 4lb (Mr. Pennywick), 2; Eldorado, 10st 9lb (Mr. Hindhaugh), 3. Betting: 7 to 4 v Gurth, 2 to 1 v Ironbark. Won by two lengths.

Hurdle Race, 2m and 58 yds.—Portlight, 12st 11lb (Mr. Slattery), 1; Squirm, 11st (Mr. M'Guinness), 2; The Miller, 11st 5lb (Mr. Holgate), 3. Betting: 2 to 1 v Portlight. Won by two lengths. Time, 3m 56s.

Pony Race, 5f.—Settling Day, 11st 5lb (Mr. M'Arthur), 1; The Spanird, 11st 3lb (Mr. Myles), 2; Trilby, 11st 7lb (Mr. Rutledge), 3. Betting: 3 to 1 v Settling Day. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1m 7 2-5s.

Amateur Turf Club Plate, 1m.—Alkira, 11st 13lb (Mr. Slattery), 1; Strathkellar, 11st 13lb (Mr. Farquharson), 2; Coronation, 11st (Mr. Hindhaugh), 3. Betting: Even money on Strathkellar, 6 to 1 v Alkira. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1m 45s.

Ballangeich Stakes, 5f.—Maid of the Mill, 11st 12lb (Mr. M'Guinness), 1; The Prioress, 11st 12lb (Mr. Slattery), 2; Willington, 11st 11lb (Mr. Palmer), 3. Betting: 7 to 4 v Prioress, 2 to 1 v Maid of the Mill. Won by two lengths.

Wellington Stakes, 1m.—Boisdale, 11st 7lb (Mr. Hindhaugh), 1; Orange Blossom, 12st 12lb (Mr. Pennywick), 2; Yorick, 11st 10lb (Mr. M'Guinness), 3. Betting: 7 to 2 on Orange Blossom, 8 to 1 v Boisdale. Won by four lengths. Time, 1m 47s.

Flying Stakes, 6f.—Captain Shannon, 11st 4lb (Mr. M'Guinness), 1; Simplicity, 11st 5lb (Mr. Palmer), 2. Betting: 2 to 1 on Captain Shannon. Won by six lengths. Time, 1m 16 2-5s.

MOAMA RACE CLUB.

MOAMA, Wednesday.

The Moama annual races were held to-day in fine weather, and there was a large attendance.

Results:—

Maiden Race of 5 sovs, 6f.—John Clarke's Garnet, 8st 11lb (Taynton), 1; J. D. Fenessy's Revenge, 7st 13lb (Rowley), 2. Betting: 6 to 4 v Garnet. Won by a length.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 12 sovs, 2½m.—John Clarke's Basil, 10st 2lb (Cope), 1; James Flowers's Barrow, 9st 2lb (Fitzmaurice), 2. Betting: 6 to 4 on Basil. Won by a length and a half.

Trial Handicap of 5 sovs., 6f.—M. J. Treacy's Gracelet, 8st 7lb (Rowley), 1; J. J. Farrell's Relapse, 8st 9lb (Taynton), 2; A. Wilson's Old Berrigan, 7st 9lb (Corbett), 3. Betting: 2 to 1 v Gracelet.

Moama Handicap of 20 sovs., 1¼m.—J. Bott's Uncas, 7st 10lb (Bott), 1; J. G. Deuchar's M.L.D., 7st 4lb (Corbett), 2; H. L. Austen's Shekels, 8st 5lb (Taynton), 3. Betting: Even money on Uncas. Won by a couple of lengths.

Handicap Trotting Race of 5 sovs, 1½m.—F. Payne's Despised, 40s bhd, 1; J. Roberts's Rhoda, scr, 2; R. and J. Hicks's Ada Ward, 3. Won easily.

Hack Race of 3 sovs, 6f.—Revenge, 1; Carleen, 2; Ledgummer, 3. Won easily.

Moira Handicap of 10 sovs, 7f.—R. Tait's Messenger, 8st 10lb (Taynton), 1; J. Bott's Uncas, 8st (Bott), 2. Betting: 3 to 1 on Messenger. Won easily.

VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB.

MAY MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Following are the weights for the meeting to be held on Saturday next:—

Khartoum Hurdle Race, 2m and 64yds.—Red Fly, 11st 11lb; Devonier, 11st 3lb; Westeria, 11st 3lb; Firelight, 10st 13lb; Topaz, 10st 8lb; Argument, 10st 6lb; Sustain, 10st 8lb; Phillip Worth, 10st 3lb; Massacon, 9st 12lb; Charlemagne, 9st 13lb; Sea Gun, 9st; Hypilla, 9st; Verona, 9st; Autograph, 9st.

Kenilworth Two-year-old, 6f.—Lady Bobadil, 8st 9lb; Deloada, 8st 12lb; [illegible], 8st 6lb; Lady Desmond, 7st 13lb; Gooram, 7st 7lb; Spiritoso, 7st 5lb; Francis, 7st 3lb; Hysteria, 7st 3lb; Dame Wallace, 7st 3lb; Grey Dawn, 6st 13lb; Scotsman, 6st 11lb; Boldrewood, 6st 9lb; Snowshoes, 6st 7lb; Cigarette, 6st 7lb.

Glenhuntly Handicap, 9f.—Tulkeroo, 9st 12lb; Corroboree, 9st 10lb; Sporran, 8st 11lb; Akim Foo, 8st 7lb; Sweetness, 8st 5lb; Ratafia, 7st 13lb; Rangatira, 7st 11lb; Willy Wally, 7st 9lb; Sweet Bird, 7st 7lb; Captain Shannon, 7st 5lb; Munus, 7st 5lb; Bandmaster, 7st 5lb; Sergeant Brue, 7st 5lb; Delaware, 7st 3lb; Banner, 7st 3lb; Seychelles, 6st 13lb; Avernus, 6st 13lb; Whitehall, 6st 7lb.

Neerim Steeplechase, about 2m 3f and 50yds.—Devenier 11st 1lb; Wanrua, 11st 9lb; Alpine, 10st 11lb; Daisy, 10st 9lb; Phantom, 10st 7lb; Sweeper, 10st 5lb; Confederate, 10st 3lb; Novik, 9st 13lb; Old Chappie, 9st 13lb; Gold Letters, 9st 5lb; Post Boy, 9st 9lb; Ugly Buck, 9st 7lb; Paddy's Land, 9st 7lb; Sovereign, 9st; Barcoola, 9st.

Glenferrie Welter, 7f.—Corroboree, 10st 13lb; Grafteadelle, 10st 1lb; Ratafia, 9st 5lb; Dalriada, 9st 3lb; Rangatira, 9st 3lb; Captain Shannon, 9st 1lb; Abolith, 9st 1lb; Munus, 8st 13lb; Banner, 8st 13lb; Seychelles, 8st 10lb; Carrisima, 8st 5lb; Flotation, 8st 2lb; Ben Jonson, 8st 3lb; Medallist, 8st 1lb; Cashmore, 8st 1lb; Melbourne, 8st 1lb; Position, 7st 13lb; Somnambulist, 7st 11lb; Annapolis, 7st 9lb; Sherman, 7st 9lb; Emigrant, 7st 9lb; Stirling, 7st 9lb; Kia Ora, 7st 9lb; Itecuba, 7st 7lb; Assistance, 7st 7lb; St. Francis, 7st 7lb; Caram, 7st 7lb.

Brighton Handicap, 6f.—Forge, 9st 13lb; Northwood, 9st 9lb; Geebung, 9st 5lb; Retrencher, 9st 5lb; Earl of Lygon, 8st 2lb; The Amazon, 7st 13lb; The Trout, 7st 11lb; Returned, 7st 7lb; Lady Joan, 7st 7lb; Sweet Marie, 7st 3lb; Cryograph, 7st 3lb; Lady Kelvin, 7st 3lb; Ring, 7st 1lb; Moonlight, 6st 13lb; Opinion, 6st 13lb; Merrigong, 6st 7lb; Bowbells, 6st 7lb; Posidonia, 6st 7lb.

WELLINGTON JOCKEY CLUB.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

The following weights have been declared for the principal events on the first day of the Wellington Jockey Club's meeting:—

Opening Handicap.—Far North, 9st 7lb; Lifeboat, 8st 7lb; Vanlock, 8st 7lb; Bonnie Blink, 8st; Blazing Star, 7st 12lb; Valkyrie, 7st 5lb; Latrol, 7st 3lb.

Town Plate.—Far North, 9st 7lb; Ben Buckley, 8st 10lb; Lifeboat, 8st 7lb; Bonnie Blink, 8st; Blazing Star, 7st 12lb; Whisper, 7st 7lb; Valkyrie, 7st 5lb; Latrol, 7st 3lb.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The following entries were made in Melbourne to-day for the general events of the S.A.J.C. meeting, to be held in Adelaide on May 9, 13, and 16:—

Maiden Plate.—Pretty Peg, Ristori.

Elder Stakes: Emir, Dyed Garments, Willy Wally, Mazarin, Pius.

Welter Handicap.—Red Streak.

Marion Handicap.—Pretty Peg, Ristori, Miss Bobby.

Baker Handicap.—Pretty Peg, Emir, Mazarin, Woorooma, Red Streak, Miss Bobby.

Fisher Stakes.—Willy Wally, Mazarin, Woorooma, Red Streak, Pius.

S.A.J.C. Handicap.—Emir, Willy Wally, Enchanted Stakes, Mazarin, Woorooma, Red Streak, Pius.

Totalisator Handicap.—Pretty Peg, Red Streak, Miss Bobby.

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NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting the following clubs sent representatives:—Bombala, Cooma, Denison, Dindemah, Narromine, Mudgee, Muswellbrook, Quirindi, Scone, Tamarang, and Weetalabah. The following officers were appointed for the present year:—Patron, His Excellency the Governor; president, Mr. J. M. L. Macdonald; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. J. P. Stimson and J. A. K. Shaw; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. J. Dodds. It was reported that under the new rules of measurement passed at the annual meeting held last year no certificates of measurement had come to hand. The secretary was instructed to register ponies for which any club's local measurer gave his certificate, such registration to be subject to confirmation by the official measurer on his first visit to such club's district; in the meantime, ponies for which local measurers' certificate issues shall be eligible to play.

COURSING.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The Bathurst Coursing Club to-day held its opening meeting of the season. The weather was delightful, and there was a good attendance. Mr. P. R. Stapleton acted as judge, while J. Inglesole performed the duties of slipper. Results:—

Novice Stakes, 13, all ages.—Dayfield beat Revenge, Governor George beat Pedmedden, Fanny Red Dick beat Peter Felix, Arranmore beat Dark Day, Query beat Shopmate, Kiltrona beat Luminator, Colonial Boy a bye. First ties: Dayfield beat Governor George, Arranmore beat Red Dick, Query beat Colonial Boy, Kiltrona bye. Second ties: Dayfield beat Arranmore, Kiltrona beat Query.

Final: J. Silk's Kiltrona (Kilmainham—Sentrona) beat J. M'Alister's Dayfield (Young Mayfield—Marie Narelle).

Puppy Stakes, 6 dogs.—Cannon Bell beat Great Rose, Plantation beat Legal, Exchange beat Lucknow. First ties: Cannon Bell beat Plantation, Exchange a bye.

Final: G. Seymour's Exchange (Braddon Blot—Miss Hanlon) beat S. J. Abbott's Cannon Bell (Cannongate—Society Belle).

All-aged Stakes, for three, all ages.—Black Pet beat Society Lass, Lieutenant Captain a bye.

Final: T. Loughnane's Lieutenant Captain (General Booth—Lily of the West) beat J. Silk's Black Pet (Kilmainham—Sentrona).

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

SYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

PRESENT v PAST.

The following will represent the Old Boys' of the Church of England Grammar School against the School in the annual match to-day:—C. E. Murnin, K. Amphlett, J. L. Longwill, J. M. Marsh, N. C. Lawrence, K. Quinn, L. H. Lehmaier, G. Way, C. E. Rich, R. Russell-Jones, F. G. Pockley, H. Bullock, J. Fitzhardinge, R. Fitzhardinge, J. A. H. Cox. Emergencies: G. H. Salwey, L. H. Jacob, C. D. Abraham, O. G. Dent, H. L. St. Vincent Welch.

RUGBY LEAGUE.

N.S.W. v NEW ZEALAND.

The team to represent New Zealand against New South Wales on Saturday next has been chosen as follows:—

Full-back: H. S. Turtill.

Three-quarters: E. Lyne, H. S. Rowe, A. Kelly, J. Barber.

Halves: E. Wrigley, J. R. Wynyard.

Forwards: W. Mackrell, C. Pearce, A. Lile, T. Cross, W. Johnston, H. R. Wright (captain).

J. Barber, in the three-quarter line, has only just joined the team. He came from New Zealand recently.

The early match will be Possibles v Probables.

NEW ZEALAND v AUSTRALIA.

Three Queenslanders have been chosen for the match between New Zealand and Australia on Saturday week—Dore, M'Lean, and Tubman. The balance of the team will be selected on Wednesday next.

A NEW CLUB.

At last night's meeting of the league the names of about 20 players residing in the Western Suburbs were handed in as a new club to play under the title of the Cumberland Club.

GLEBE DEFEATS NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The Glebe (Sydney) football team played a team selected by the Newcastle Union to-day, and won by 8 points to 3. Riddle and Middleton scored tries for Glebe, one of which was converted by Hickey. Kelly scored Newcastle's only try. The game was well contested, and at one stage there appeared every prospect of Newcastle winning. There were about 2000 spectators.

AUSTRALIAN AND RUGBY—A DOUBLE PROGRAMME.

The executive of the Australian Football League have been much exercised as to a ground for the matches against the Norwood Club, of Adelaide, which won last year's championship of Australia, when it comes to Sydney in June. The difficulty has now been solved. The Metropolitan Rugby Union has agreed to make the matches against Norwood the early fixtures to the local competition engagements for June 13 and 20 on the Sydney Cricket Ground. Thus there will be a double bill, Australian rules and Rugby. The lion will lie down with the lamb.

"Justice" expresses surprise that Glanville, the North Sydney forward, was not included in the New South Wales team, as he is one of the best forwards in the State. He also asks why a front row forward (O. Maley) is selected to play in the second row.

AUSTRALIAN RULES.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The Barrier Ranges Football Association last night decided to write to the Victorian Association and Ballarat League, asking them to send teams to the Barrier this season.

LAWN TENNIS.

NEW SOUTH WALES v VICTORIA.

The following matches will be played by the practice team this afternoon:—R. Jones v Campbell; A. B. Jones v Wright; Pockley v Bowker; Rice v Doust; Webb v Kidston.

Doubles matches will be arranged for Saturday next. All players are expected to play to-day, and be on the ground at 2.15 on Saturday next.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

A mixed doubles tournament in connection with the Berrima Lawn Tennis Club, for two trophies presented by the President (Mr. N. Clough), was concluded on Saturday. In the final Miss Finlayson and C. Cowley defeated Miss Matthews and H. Cowley, 6—4. The prizes were subsequently handed over to the winners by Mrs. Finlayson, treasurer of the club. Miss Edith Lambert, who has acted for some time as secretary of the club, was the recipient of a silver tea service from her club-mates and other friends on the eve of her marriage and departure from Berrima, the presentation being made by Mrs. W. M'Court.

CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS.

GOOD PLAY.

The croquet championships now being played on the Union Recreation Club's lawns at Strathfield were continued yesterday, and were productive of some excellent play. A fine game was witnessed between Mrs. E. White and Mrs. H. W. Chambers. The latter lady scored 24 before her opponent had compiled a single point. Then Mrs. White got a good scoring position, and never let her opponent in again, scoring 28 while Mrs. Chambers stood still. The results of the play were:—

Unrestricted Championship.—H. Richards beat Mrs. E. Fraser by 14 points, L. Henderson beat Mrs. E. A. Bonney by 8 points, Mrs. E. White beat Mrs. H. W. Chambers by 4 points.

Ladies' Championship.—Mrs. E. White beat Mrs. J. J. Lough by 7 points.

Handicap Singles.—Class A: F. Thompson (scr) beat Mrs. H. W. Chambers (1) by 6 points, Miss Braham (4) beat E. A. Bonney (scr) by 18 points, N. Richards (scr) beat Mrs. J. J. Lough by 24 points.

Handicap Singles.—Class B: Mrs. J. Watson (6) beat Mrs. A. W. Hayes (5) by 7 points, W. N. Dewar (8) beat Miss J. Austin (7) by 13 and one bisque, Miss Dewar (7) beat Mrs. T. S. Kirkland (7) by 27 points, Mrs. J. Watson (6) beat W. N. Dewar (8) by 7 points.

The fixtures for to-day are as follow:—Unrestricted championship of New South Wales: Mrs. E. White (Qld.) v Mr. C. W. Wren, at 12.30 p.m., and Mrs. J. J. Lough v Mr. L. Henderson, at 2.45 p.m., both on lawn No. 4. Ladies championship: Mrs. E. White (Qld.) v Mrs. N. F. Christoe, at 10.15 a.m., on lawn No. 4; and Mrs. H. W. Chambers v Mrs. E. A. Bonney, at 2.45 p.m., on lawn No. 2. Handicap Singles, class A: Miss E. Fraser (4) v Mr. F. A. Thompson (scr), at 10.15 a.m., and Miss Braham (4) v Mr. N. Richards (scr), Vic., at 12.30 p.m., both on lawn No. 2. Handicap Singles, class B: Mrs. F. Osborne (10) v Mrs. F. C. Stephens (7), at 10.15 a.m., and the winner to play Miss Dewar (7), at 12.30 p.m., both on lawn No. 1. Handicap Doubles, class A: Mrs. A. L. Mullens and Miss Braham (4) v Mrs. J. J. Lough and Mrs. N. Richards, Vic. (scr), at 10.15 a.m., and Mrs. N. F. Christoe and Mrs. H. Manning (4) v Mrs. H. W. Chambers and Mrs. J. Watson (4), at 12.30 p.m., both on lawn No. 3. Handicap Doubles, class B: Mrs. F. E. Lindeman and Mrs. Scholes (6) v Mrs. W. H. German and Miss Dewar (7), at 2.45 p.m., on lawn No. 3.

ATHLETICS.

N.S.W. AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the N.S.W.A.A.A. was held at the Sports Club last night, Mr. W. Jones occupying the chair.

The following officials were appointed:—Chairman, of council, Mr. W. Jones; handicappers, sprints Mr. S. R. Rowley, distance Mr. C. D. Jones, field games and walking Mr. R. Coombes; starter Mr. W. B. Alexander; number and costume steward, Mr. W. H. Wiseman; executive committee, Messrs. J. M. Campbell, E. R. French, C. Herd, D. F. Henderson, W. H. Wiseman, and R. Tuck.

BOWLS.

The visiting team from New Zealand was entertained yesterday on the Randwick green, when a three-rink match was played with the New South Wales team which toured the Dominion last year. A close contest took place, with the result that the local players defeated the victorious New Zealanders by the narrow majority of 1 point. The following scores were made:—

	Syd.	N. Z.
Chalmers, Hingst, Gordon, M'Clure	19	—
M'Gibbon, Smyth, Brown, Maddison	—	15
Coulton, Lewis, Louden, Evans	12	—
Bishop, Galbraith, Findley, Johnstone	—	12
Crouch, Sutton, Goodwin, Phippard	15	—
Gee, Maynard, Goldstone, Barlow	—	18
	46	45

THE VICTORIANS AT CHATSWOOD.

The Armadale (Victorian) bowlers visited Chatswood yesterday, and played a three-rink match with the local club, which they defeated by 26 points. Scores:—

	A.	C.
Ross, W. G. Stevens, W. W. Stevens, M'Donald	35	—
Blackadder, Ferguson, Chapman, Young	—	16
Duncan Warren, Robinson, Locke	18	—
Maddox, Chandler, Bastian, Wilkie	—	22
M'Korie, Stewart, Crowe, Thackwray	29	—
Crawley, Robey, Leplastrier, Jago	—	18
Totals	82	56

ST. GEORGE v WAVERLEY.

Played at Waverley on Monday night, and won by the home team by 18 points.

	St. G.	W.
W. Armitage, W. J. Armitage, Heslehurst, Alderson	15	—
Hope, Barraclough, E. Gelding, Lawrence	—	24
Jones, Skipper, South, Marsden	11	—
Stewart, Cohen, Barkell, Ross	—	18
Totals	26	42

ST. GEORGE v MARRICKVILLE.

Played at Rockdale on Wednesday afternoon, resulting in a win for the home team by 45 points. The details are:—

	St. G.	M.
Lane, Mann, Pennell, Anderson	25	—
Roles, Hawkins, Goold, Woolford	—	20
Fortescue, Gowen, Dalrymple, Thornley	40	—
Carmichael, Hickey (sub.), Cole, Edwards	—	10
Morris, Hamilton, Wright, A. Louden	30	—
Skitrall, Smythe, Bradshaw, M'Coy	—	10
Totals	95	40

ROWING.

GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

WON BY CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The fifteenth annual rowing championship meeting of the Great Public Schools of New South Wales was held yesterday afternoon on the Parramatta River, and was witnessed by a large number of interested spectators. Two large steamers had been specially engaged to carry visitors to the course, and also followed the races. The competing schools were the Sydney Grammar School, the Sydney Church of England Grammar School, St. Ignatius College, and St. Joseph's College. In addition to the championship event, which was for the Major Rennie trophy and School Association badges and certificates, was the contest by second crews of the above mentioned schools for the Yarralla Cup and the Schools' Association certificate. For the first time in the history of the school, St. Joseph's College entered a crew in each event, and although it occupied the last position in each race, did remarkably well in their initial effort, and was heartily cheered.

The championship event was won after a magnificent struggle by the Sydney Church of England Grammar School crew, which had been carefully coached by Mr. Allan Ramsay, by a third of a length from the Sydney Grammar School crew, who in turn was a similar distance from the St. Ignatius quartette.

The contest for the second crews was won by St. Ignatius College by two lengths from the Sydney Grammar School, which was four lengths ahead of the Sydney Church of England Grammar School.

The officials for the day were:—Umpire, Mr. N. J. M'Donald; judge, Mr. J. Degotardi; starter, Mr. J. M'Gregor; time-keeper, Mr. W. Kerr. The regatta committee consisted of Messrs. I. G. Mackay, W. H. Savigny, B. A. M'Bride, and Brother Joseph, with Mr. Hyam Marks as hon. secretary.

The following were the results:—

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Course, from Abbotsford to Putney, about 1½ miles.

SYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL: C. Marsh, 10st 6lb; A. Hordern, 11st 13lb; R. J. A. Massie, 11st 8lb; C. H. Edwards, 10st 1lb (stroke); F. H. Day, 5st 7lb (cox) 1

SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL: S. R. Stafford, 10st 6lb; A. T. Woodriff, 11st 7lb; J. C. Lamrock, 11st 7lb; J. R. Garland, 11st 3lb (stroke); J. T. Anderson, 5st 2lb (cox) 2

ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE: J. Dalton, 10st 10lb; C. Veech, 11st; J. Carlton, 12st 12lb; B. Veech, 11st (stroke); A. Kelly, 5st 7lb (cox) 3

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE: P. Walsh, 10st 4lb; D. Poett, 11st 4lb; J. Tracey, 12st 12lb; S. Kelly, 12st 11lb (stroke); T. Healy, 5st 11lb (cox) 4

From the start it was a good race, the Church of England School getting away smartest. It was, however, quickly headed by St. Ignatius, which was rowing strongly. Sydney Grammar School were lying handy, but had all it could do in the early stages to keep ahead of St. Joseph's crew. At Gladesville the Church of England School led St. Ignatius a length, and reached the point in 1m 40s from the start. Rowing well within themselves the Church of England School men reached Cabarita in 2m 43s, a length ahead of St. Ignatius, which shortly afterwards drew up level amidst loud cheering. The effort was not sustained, although the distance between the Church of England, St. Ignatius, and Sydney Grammar School was not more than half a length. Tennyson was passed by the leading crew in 5m 2 4-5s; Mortlake in 6m 28s, and the whole course in 7m 35s 4-5s, Sydney Church of England Grammar School gaining the judge's verdict by a third of a length from Sydney Grammar School, which was a similar distance ahead of St. Ignatius' College, with St. Joseph's beaten off.

Second Crews.—Course, from Gladesville to Putney.—St. Ignatius College: L. Veech, F. Fleming, J. Wilkinson, A. Cox (stroke), 1; Sydney Grammar School, C. R. Sheldon, H. R. Cowdery, G. P. Arnold, A. J. Robson (stroke), 2; Church of England Grammar School, K. V. M'Donald, R. L. Sayers, W. E. Tucker, C. W. Snook (stroke), 3. Other starters: St. Joseph's College (T. Roche, C. Lynch, E. M'Caffrey, R. Quinn).

It was a good race for half a mile, but at that point St. Ignatius went ahead and finished two lengths ahead of Sydney Grammar School, four lengths separating second and third. Three lengths further back came St. Joseph's.

NEWCASTLE.

THE BURWOOD STRIKE.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

A deputation from the Burwood miners waited upon the manager of the colliery, Mr. F. Croudace, to-day, to try to arrange for a settlement of the strike. The meeting, however, was fruitless. Mr. Croudace informed the men that he could only consent to their resuming work on the same terms as those offered at the time the wheelers struck work. As the wheelers will not go back on those terms there appears no prospect of an early settlement.

CUSTOMS CLEARANCES.

The following vessels cleared at the Custom-house to-day:—Cycle, s, for Port Pirie, via Wallaroo, 4230 tons of coal; Ouraka, s, for Adelaide, 3600 tons of coal and 16 bundles millet; Warrimoo, s, for Wellington, via Sydney, 15 tons coal, bunkers, 450 tons of coke, quantity timber; Barrier, s, for Melbourne, 2590 tons coal; Kooringa, s, for Fremantle, 5000 tons coal; Angeli Repetto, lt. barque, for Gatico.

DROWNING CASES.

Shortly after noon to-day Mrs. Hunt, a resident of Newcomen-street, whilst walking along the beach, found the dead body of a woman in the water at the southern end of the beach, just above the ladies' baths. She reported the matter to the police, who removed the body to the morgue. The body has since been identified as that of Mrs. Hope, 66 years of age, wife of James Hope, of Hampden-avenue, Adamstown. She was last seen at home on Tuesday evening, and it was thought that she had gone to visit some friends. It is not known how the woman got into the water.

A seaman named Charles Court, employed on the barque Carradale, was drowned in the harbour to-day. Court was sent to fix a rat guard on one of the lines, and shortly afterwards another seaman on the vessel heard a splash. The captain and other members of the crew started dragging for the body, and it was recovered after about 10 minutes, but life was extinct. Deceased is believed to have been a single man. He joined the vessel in England about six months ago.

SUDDEN DEATH.

An old man named Walter Davies, a resident of Lambton-road, New Lambton, about 70 years of age, dropped dead in a tram car, near Broadmeadow, this afternoon. Death is believed to have been due to heart failure.

ANOTHER STRIKE.

The miners employed at the Rhondda colliery refused to go to work to-day owing to a difference with the manager in regard to the hour at which they should enter the mine. It is believed that the trouble will be settled in a few days.

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VICE-REGAL GARDEN PARTY.

The beautiful grounds at Government House presented a gay and animated scene yesterday afternoon, when their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote gave a most enjoyable garden party, and entertained between 800 and 900 guests. The weather was perfect, the sky clear and blue, and the sun shining sufficiently bright to make everything look green and fresh.

Their Excellencies stood on the lawn, and shook hands with their guests, who were announced by Mr. Share, R.N., upon their arrival. Captain Stephens, Captain Fyers, Colonel Macarthur Onslow, and Colonel Holmes were also in attendance. Her Excellency wore a beautiful dress of black chiffon over white silk and chiffon, effectively trimmed with a bertha of Limerick lace, and panels and festoons of lace on the skirt, with touches of shaded orange chiffon. Her small white toque had black and white feathers, also touches of orange chiffon. Her ornaments were of diamonds and pearls. It will doubtless be of interest to many to know that her Excellency designed this handsome dress herself, and wore it at the opening of the Women's Exhibition in Melbourne last year. The beautiful lace was specially made for her Excellency in the convents in the different States of the Commonwealth. The carpet upon which their Excellencies stood was that worked and presented to Lady Northcote by some of the women in New South Wales at the opening of the exhibition. When this fact became known amongst the guests yesterday afternoon the carpet formed a centre of attraction.

The gathering was a representative one, and included his Excellency the Governor and Miss Rawson, attended by Mr. North, R.N., and Mr. Miller, R.N. His Excellency the Admiral and Lady Poore, attended by Flag-lieutenant Fisher, R.N., the Chief Justice and Lady Darley and the Misses Darley, General Gordon, Sir Francis and Lady Suttor, Miss Suttor, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Lady and Miss Clara Manning, Sir Henry and Lady Stephen, Professor and Mrs. Anderson Stuart, Colonel and Mrs. Holmes, Colonel and Mrs. Bartlett, Sir James and Lady Fairfax and Miss Fairfax, Commodore and Madame Bouchard, Lady Salomons, Mrs. Wilson, Captain and Mrs. Napier, Lady Trafalgar, Mrs. T. F. Knox and Miss Nell Knox, and many naval and military officers, including the captains and officers of the English, French, and German warships now in port.

Many beautiful dresses were worn, and were seen to great advantage as the wearers strolled about the lawns. Miss Rawson's palest pink chiffon face cloth had touches of deeper rose-coloured velvet on the bodice, which was also trimmed with embroidered motifs and soutache braid, and worn with a vieux rose pink hat, with long white feathers. Lady Poore chose a white and blue floral silk muslin, with touches of pale green on the bodice, with which she wore one of the new white embroidered muslin coats, and a small hat trimmed with blue and white, and a white feather boa with black rosettes and ends. Lady Darley was in pale grey crepe de chine, with touches of pink, and a toque to match. Miss K. Darley wore a sapphire blue tailor-made dress, and a brown hat trimmed with autumn leaves. Mrs. Napier wore a plum-coloured silk coat over her white cloth dress and a hat to match. Mrs. Macarthur Onslow's beautiful hydrangea blue ninon was worn over white, and trimmed with handsome embroidered motifs on the bodice, which had a yoke and sleeves of lace; a white and blue hat and a white feather boa completed the toilette. Lady Mills wore a lovely dress of figured chiffon and silk embroidery, and a black hat with white feathers. Mrs. H. White chose a champagne-coloured silk, accordeon pleated, with panels of lace, and a toque of shaded brown roses. The Lady Mayoress was in rose pink ninon over white, and wore a pink toque with pink, brown, and white roses. Mrs. Irving Keys wore a pale duck egg green chiffon cloth, with bell lace sleeves, with bretelles and touches of brown chiffon, her pale green and pink hat being trimmed with brown feathers and worn with a white feather boa. Miss Heather Keys was in white, the bodice braided with silk soutache, and a pale green silk hat, with white feathers and shaded flowers. Miss MacCallum wore pale reseda green liberty satin, and a cream hat with white feathers. Lady Harris was in dark green. Mrs. Garland wore pale blue, and a cream hat with pink roses. Mrs. W. Macfarlane was in black and white, and Miss Daisy Lillis wore a ninon rose-coloured dress and hat to match. Mrs. Donald Macintyre's dark sapphire blue chiffon cloth was relieved with handsome cream embroidered filet lace and touches of black and gold on the bodice, and were with it a black and gold hat. Mrs. Chris. Bennett was in pale grey crepe-de-chine. Lady Trafalgar wore black and white striped ninon, and a white silk hat trimmed with white and black feathers. Mrs. Grenville Miller was in pale blue silk voile, and a black hat with pink roses. Lady Stephen wore a deep petunia-coloured crepe-de-chine, and a hat to match with touches of gold. Mrs. Burdekin's cream lace dress was worn with a black hat with white feathers and a long white feather boa. Mrs. Rogers was in fine black and white striped glace silk, with black velvet cream lace on the bodice, and a green and black hat. Miss Rogers wore cream serge and a black hat. Miss Gladys Gould wore sattier blue face cloth and a black hat. Mrs. Isaacs's dress was of petunia-coloured chiffon cloth, and was worn with a hat to match trimed with clusters of white and purple grapes. Miss Higgins was in pale pink. Mrs. Bartlett's golden brown crepe-de-chine was effectively trimmed with touches of black satin and gold. Miss Ruby Madden wore mole grey striped ninon, her grey hat having grey feathers tipped with blue. Miss Ethel Clibborn wore a pink hat with feathers of the same shade with her black dress. Mrs. Langar Owen was in grey with a black hat. Mrs. Holmes wore pale grey with a black hat with white feathers. Mrs. Garland wore pale blue and a cream hat with pink roses. Mrs. Harry Osborne's dark purple dress was braided with black. Miss Beatrice Madden wore a petunia-coloured face cloth and hat to match. Miss M. Clarke was in white with a pale heliotrope scarf and a black hat.

Refreshments were served on the verandah and on the lower lawn, and the company separated soon after 5 o'clock.

THE MANNING ENTRANCE.

A deputation, representing persons interested in the Manning River district and trade, was introduced to the Minister for Works yesterday by Mr. Price, M.L.A., with reference to the condition of the Manning River bar and harbour. It was represented that at present the entrance to the river was in a worse state than it had ever previously been, and it was urged that the south training wall be completed as speedily as possible. A number of vessels were harbound, and the district was losing thousands of pounds by the delay to trade. Temporary relief could be afforded by the employment of dredges on double shifts.

Mr. Lee, in the course of his reply, said that early this month he had approved of the bar dredges being used on the Manning entrance to their utmost capacity, in order to keep a navigable channel open. The completion of the training wall would occupy three years, and before the expiration of that time he hoped the district would be served by the railway. While there was no doubt that even after the completion of the railway there would still be traffic by water, he could not advise a large expenditure on the railway, and at the same time keep up big expenditure on bar entrances. His policy was to keep the dredges going on the various bars, so that they might be kept open as far as practicable. He would see that a dredge was put on the Manning bar with as little delay as possible.

THE METHYLATED HABIT.

VICTIM DIES IN GAOL.

The death occurred yesterday morning at Darlinghurst Gaol of a man named Matthew Birch, who was undergoing a sentence of 14 days for being drunk. Deceased was addicted to indulgence in methylated spirits, and was in a dying condition when confined to the gaol on Tuesday last. Dr. O'Reilly, who attended Birch in the gaol hospital, reported that death was due to excessive drinking of methylated spirits.

VERITABLE "SNAKE-JUICE."

It is not only in Sydney that the drinking of methylated spirit has become a habit among dipsomaniacs. In another Australian capital recently one of the attendants at a certain museum was found on several occasions to be on duty in a muddled condition.

For a long time his superiors were at a loss to account for his condition, for no liquor was stored on the premises, and precautions were taken to prevent its introduction by any of the employees. At length suspicion was aroused by the fact that the methylated spirit in which various "specimens" were immersed was dwindling more rapidly than would be accounted for by "fair evaporation."

A watch was set, and the mystery was solved when the suspected attendant was seen to stealthily approach one of the shelves, remove the covering from a glass jar containing a fine specimen of a carpet snake, and quaff a long draught of the surrounding liquor with an expression of complete happiness.

The front page of the current issue of the "Sydney Mail" is devoted to the wood-chopping contest at the Royal Show. A large photograph of one of the competitors is given. —Advt.

The Aquatic Notes in the "Sydney Mail" by "Trident" never lose interest week by week. The author is always well informed on important matches, and his remarks this week are full of interest.—Advt.

LABOUR CONGRESS.

THE SITTINGS CONCLUDED.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

The work of the Labour Congress was resumed at the Trades Hall yesterday morning. Mr. Nulty (Broken Hill) presided.

STATE REGISTRY OFFICE.

Mr. Thompson moved,—"(1) That Congress appoint a committee to report on the advisability of establishing a Working Man's Club, centrally situated, which would become a rendezvous for trade unionists and labour sympathisers; (2) that with a view to lessening the evils of the unemployed problem a Central Government Unemployed Agency be established; that the system of public advertisements for labour through the daily press be abolished by legal enactment; that all union offices be connected by telephone with the central agency; that the Government publish a daily gazette of positions vacant, copies of such to be forwarded to each union."

The first section of the motion was agreed to without discussion.

Mr. Cochrane said that some time ago the Sydney Labour Council made exhaustive inquiries into the method adopted in the conduct of registry offices, the fees charged applicants, and the treatment accorded to persons seeking employment. It was ascertained that in many cases the fee charged represented three-fourths of the weekly pay attached to a position. No guarantee of employment was given, and in several instances that came under the council's notice great hardship resulted from the tactics of the registry-keepers.

After debate, the second portion of the motion was replaced by the following, moved by Mr. Cochrane:—"That this congress urge the establishment of State registry offices, and the abolition of private employment agencies."

CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL LEGISLATION.

Mr. Thompson moved,—"That congress express its opinion as to whether the Federal Parliament should take over all industrial legislation."

Mr. Cochrane said the resolution bearing upon this subject, as agreed to by the Sydney Labour Council, was as follows:—That while strongly urging labour organisation in the various States to relax no efforts in furthering industrial legislation in the several State Parliaments, this congress is of opinion that an amendment of the Federal Constitution is desirable which would give the Federal Parliament authority to legislate upon such industrial matters." He suggested the motion be adopted in this form.

Mr. Johnson (A.W.U.) said he wished to move an amendment,—"That this congress is of opinion that the State Parliaments should be abolished as a preliminary step towards improving industrial conditions throughout the Commonwealth."

The amendment was ruled out of order, and the motion in the form of that of the Sydney Labour Council was agreed to by 21 to 9.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Sullivan (Iron-moulders' Union) moved an addition to a resolution agreed to on the previous day, to provide that all Government work required by the State and Federal Governments should be manufactured in the Commonwealth;" and "that union rates and conditions should prevail in regard thereto."

The motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Thompson, it was agreed,—"That Congress disapprove of the present system of building the kitchens of hotels and public eating-houses below ground level, and the same be brought under the notice of the Parliamentary Labour party."

Mr. T. Thompson (Sydney) moved,—"That the Government should enact such legislation as to prevent the wholesale exportation of food supplies, principally meat, wheat, and butter, leaving such a shortage for home consumption that people are compelled to buy the remainder at high prices, the increased value going into the pockets of speculators; that bulk handling of grain be absolutely controlled by the Government, and that receiving depots and selling depots be established by the Government on behalf of the producers."

The motion was agreed to.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Frank Bryant (Typographical Association) presided.

SELLING PRICE OF GOODS.

Mr. Miller (United Storemen's Union) moved, —"That as an advance in wages is now met by passing it on to the cost of living, and as the wage-worker, being the consumer, has to pay the increased cost, and is therefore no better off, there should be an authority to regulate prices as well as to fix wages. The earnings of the worker should no longer be at the mercy of soulless combines or greedy individuals. That such an authority is easily practicable, and should be elected by unions of employees, and also by unions of employers."

The motion was opposed, mainly on the ground that it was futilely touching on the fringe of a big question—the State control of production and distribution.

The motion was negatived by 22 to 21.

VICTIMISING UNION OFFICIALS.

Mr. Stone (Tobacco Workers' Union) moved, —"That any member of a trade-union called upon to furnish information before a Royal Commission, or any other court of inquiry, respecting the industry of his calling shall receive protection from the State or Federal Government against the tyranny of his employer concerning whose business the information may relate."

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Cochrane (Sydney Labour Council) submitted a motion strongly denouncing the British-Australian Tobacco Combine for its action towards the secretary of the Tobacco Workers' Union, and urging trades-unions to use their utmost endeavour by the use of the boycott and otherwise to prevent such victimising of unionists; also urging the Federal Government to hasten the nationalisation of the tobacco industry.

The motion was agreed to.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the motion of Mr. Spence (Breadcarters' Union) it was resolved,—"That in the opinion of this congress the canvassing of unions for donations and trophies for picnics tends to lower the dignity of trades-unionism, and should be discouraged."

On the motion of Mr. Biggars (Newcastle Miners) it was decided,—"That this congress use every effort to have all deputies in coal mines pass an examination to prove their fitness for the position."

Mr. Tracy (N.S.W. Operative Bakers' Association) moved,—"That congress considers the advisability of raising a fund by capitation fee of 1d per member per week from all unions affiliated with the Sydney Labour Council to provide sustenance for all bona-fide unemployed members of unions."

The motion was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Hogan (for the Hairdressers' Union) it was decided,—"That this congress desires an alteration in the Sunday observance laws so as to prevent unnecessary work being performed on Sundays."

The motion was agreed to.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. Thyer (Sydney Labour Council) presided.

GRAVING DOCK FOR NEWCASTLE.

Mr. O'Toole (Newcastle) moved—"That the Government be urged to construct a graving dock at Newcastle."

It was pointed out by Mr. Mitchell that owing to the lack of docking facilities at Newcastle vessels arriving there in ballast went to sea again in a condition that not infrequently threatened loss of life and property.

The motion was agreed to.

COALING IN PORT JACKSON.

On the motion of Mr. McDermott it was agreed—"That all coal work of Port Jackson shall be done by members of Sydney Coal-lumpers' Union, viz., receiving ashore or on board of all vessels."

Mr. Howe moved as an amendment—"That in relation to the coal work of the port and the interests of the federation of kindred societies the interested societies should meet and consider rival claims with the Sydney Labour Council as intermediary body."

The amendment was accepted by Mr. McDermott and agreed to.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the motion of Mr. Cochrane, it was agreed that the weekly half-holiday, as far as possible, be observed on Saturdays.

Thanks were tendered the office-bearers, and the representatives of the press, for their services, and at half-past 10 o'clock congress closed.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.

It was agreed that the next Labour Congress be held in Sydney at Easter, 1909.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

THE PAINTERS' STRIKE.

A meeting of the painters at present on strike was held on Tuesday at the Trades Hall. The meeting was very enthusiastic, and Messrs Hecht, Smallwood, and Pearce were elected as delegates to meet the Master Builders' Association in conference on Thursday night at the Master Builders' rooms, Castlereagh-street. The delegates have been granted full power to act on behalf of the strikers.

LADIES TAILORS' UNION.

A meeting was held at the Trades Hall on Tuesday of members of the Tailors' Union employed in connection with the ladies' tailoring trades. Several resolutions were carried regarding the employment of apprentices and the rates of wages for journeymen and journeywomen. The practice of running "teams" of girls, under the supervision of one man, was said to be followed by some firms. The meeting was unanimous in denouncing the "team" system, it being considered that the workers in this section of the tailoring trade should take immediate steps to prevent sweating.

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GOULBURN, Wednesday.

The winners at the monthly prize shoot of the Goulburn Rifle Club (15 shots at 300yds, Bisley target), were as follow:—F. J. Wright (3), 71; A. Fowler (4), 67; W. Stewart (16), 67; H. G. Wright (3), 65; F. Wettig (8), 64; G. Folkard (10), 64; H. Lander (scr.), 63; G. M'Dougall (6), 63; R. G. Taylor (3), 62; A. W. Blackshaw (1), 62; F. Moore (6), 62.

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AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

ENGLISH DOGCART TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

Bay Pony Gelding, 14 hands, quiet and reliable, any trial, English Dogcart (by Mulliner), and Harness, making a splendid lot.

B.S. SULKY TURNOUT AND 2 HIGH-CLASS MARES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

Chestnut Gelding, 5 yrs., 15 hands, fast and quiet, new B.S. Sulky and Harness; also Steel Grey Mare, 14 hands, by Musketoon, and superior Bay Mare, 5 yrs., by Tuxedo, both reliable in harness, and fast trotters.

MILK CART.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

Milk Cart, in good repair.

3 SUPERIOR SULKIES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

Rubber-tyred Sulky, Sporting Sulky, and Trotting ditto, all new and highly finished.

2-SHAFT SLIDING-SEAT SULKY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

The above, in perfect order.

2 DR. HORSES, LORRY, AND HARNESS, ETC.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. Cook to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

2 Heavy Draught Geldings, any trial, Lorry and set of Double Harness, in good repair; also 4 sets of Shaft Harness.

B. S. SULKY, HARNESS, AND SADDLE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

A Sulky, set of Harness, and Saddle, in good order.

VILLAGE CART LOT AND HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.15 a.m.,

Upstanding Chestnut Gelding, stanch and reliable, Village Cart and Harness, making a first-class lot; also Black Gelding, broken to harness, any trial.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. M'Nab, Christchurch, New Zealand, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 12 o'clock,

LADY CLEMENTS, chestnut mare, 6 yrs., by St. Clements from Maria, won 5½ fur. at Te Aroha J.C., won 5 fur. at Thames J.C., and 1¼ miles Wangarei Cup, also at Takapuna J.C., Auckland, won Maiden Hurdle, 1¾ mile, and won Open Hurdle, 2 miles, at same place.

2 HIGH-CLASS S. AND H. HORSES, FROM BEGA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. Higgins, Bega, to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Dark Brown Gelding, 4yrs., 15.3, and Dark Brown Gelding, 6yrs., 16 hands, one by Rebel, the other by Grand Childe, both thoroughly broken to saddle, S. and D. harness, and a lady can drive either.

FIRST-CLASS HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Brown Gelding, 16 hands, thoroughly broken to harness, suit a sociable or Victoria.

2 ACTIVE DRAUGHT HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

2 Bay Active Draughts (Gelding and Mare), both good workers.

RELIABLE S. AND H. MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Bay Mare, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, and used to city traffic.

3 FRESH COUNTRY HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Wilson, Narrabeen, to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Bay Gelding, suitable for heavy van work, upstanding Chestnut Gelding, used to van work, and Black Gelding, fit for an Undertaker. The above are fresh country horses, stanch, and quiet, used to plough and all kinds of farm work; trials given.

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30 Strong upstanding Horses, suitable for cabs, sociables, cordial waggons, butchers' and bakers' carts, and general trade use; also two or three good Draughts, all the right ages, in splendid condition, broken and unbroken. Included in the above are a really good pair of Black Geldings, 5 and 6 years old, suit private gentleman or undertaker; and a pair of Grey Mares.

10 Superior Ponies, 12 to 13 hands high, broken and unbroken, including a pair of Taffys, about 13 hands high.

On account Mr. GEORGE CHRISTEY, Nyngan.

25 first-class Horses, comprising really good Draughts, including a team of Extra Heavy Geldings, 4 to 6 yrs old; also a pair of Blacks and a pair of Browns suitable for lorries. Worthy the special attention of Brewers, Millers, and Heavy Carriers. The balance suitable for Van, Springcart, Cab and 'Bus Work. All in the pink of condition, broken in, ready for immediate work.

On account of Mr. A. BOARDMAN, Bowral.

Brown Gelding, 6 years, by Hindoo; also, Brown Gelding by Sirius, winner of about 20 races, both broken to saddle and harness.

On account of Mr. S. KATE, Moreton Park.

Bay Gelding by Brockleigh, broken to saddle and harness.

On account of Mr. G. FREEMAN, Clyde.

Bay Mare, 7 yrs., broken to harness, and very fast.

On account of Owner.

Bay Draught Gelding, broken to S. and D. Harness, and stanch.

On account of Owner.

1 Heavy Draught Gelding and 3 useful Van Horses.

On account of Mr. R. MITCHELL, Windsor.

Bay Draught Mare, 4 yrs., broken in, and good puller.

ST. MARYS, SATURDAY NEXT, AT 11.30 A.M.

100 HEAD 3 AND 4 YEAR-OLD BULLOCKS, 100.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. W. BOARDMAN, Picton, to sell by auction,

The above, described as a really first-class lot.

MONSTER CATTLE SALE AT ST. MARYS.

4000 HEAD. 4000 HEAD.

SATURDAY NEXT, MAY 2nd, AT 11.30 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above, when they will offer the following, viz.:—

1200 STEERS and HEIFERS, from the Riverina, 9 months to 2½ years old,

200 Shorthorn STEERS, 1½ to 2½ years, all station bred and in good condition,

200 STORE COWS, Shorthorns and Devons, in forward condition.

80 First-class DAIRY HEIFERS, 1½ to 2½ years.

15 Good Springing COWS.

200 Head, comprising 100 well-grown Steers, 1½ to 2½ years, 40 grade Shorthorn Cows, with Vealers at foot, balance good Dairy Heifers, 1 to 2 years old.

225 Head, comprising 50 first-class STEERS, 2 to 3 years old, 75 choice Dairy Heifers, 1½ to 3 years old, 100 yearling Steers and Heifers.

100 Choice DAIRY HEIFERS, 15 to 18 months old, all good colours, in top condition.

250 First-class DAIRY HEIFERS, 1½ to 2 years old.

75 Springing COWS and HEIFERS and newly-calved Cows, with calves at foot.

70 Head, comprising 30 Springing Cows and Heifers, 14 good 2-year-old Heifers and 25 ditto ditto, 6 to 12 months old.

58 STORE COWS and HEIFERS.

20 Picked DAIRY COWS, 2 HEIFERS, and 1 Jersey BULL.

42 First-class STEERS, 2½ years.

60 Very Superior DAIRY HEIFERS, 1 to 2 years old.

180 STEERS and HEIFERS, 6 to 18 months old.

100 First-class BULLOCKS and STEERS, 1½ to 4 years old.

150 COWS and HEIFERS.

100 STEERS and HEIFERS, 1 to 2 years old.

22 Springing Cows.

40 Ayrshire Cross Dairy HEIFERS, 2½ years old.

100 very superior STEERS, 1 to 2½ years.

50 Choice Dairy HEIFERS, 1 to 2½ years.

20 Pure and ½ Bred Ayrshire HEIFERS, 2½ and 3 years HEIFERS, in calf to pure Ayrshire bulls, described as a most desirable lot either for dairy or stud purposes.

433 Mixed CATTLE, Cows, Heifers, and Steers, all one line.

280 STORE COWS, a good lot, all one line.

Competent drovers in attendance. Train Sydney on morning of Sale at 10.15 o'clock, returning at 3.42 and 6.47 p.m.

PAIR OF CARRIAGE HORSES, LADY'S PHAETON, and HARNESS; also, 7 COACH HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the M.C. and M. CO., Katoomba, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 12 o'clock,

Pair of Carriage Horses, 15.2, run well together; Lady's Phaeton with pole and shafts, and Harness, in good repair; also 7 Coach Horses, quiet and stanch. Being sold as the summer is over.

SYDNEY PRODUCE SALES. THE SYDNEY PRODUCE SELLING BROKERS will offer Catalogues TO-DAY as under:—

At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, HAIR, HORNS, and SUNDRIES, at 10 a.m. TALLOW, at 2.30 p.m.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE OF DIAMOND JEWELLERY, HIGH-CLASS WATCHES, Etc.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, AT THE AUCTION ROOMS, 247A PITT-STREET.

SINGLE-STONE, HALF-HOOP, and CLUSTER DIAMOND RINGS.

DIAMOND BROOCHES, BRACELETS, and EARRINGS.

Gold Alberts, Muff Chains, Links, and Solitaires.

GOLD and SILVER CHRONOGRAPHS.

DIAMOND BREASTPINS, STUDS, and LOCKETS.

GOLD and SILVER LEVER and WALTHAM WATCHES.

Diamond, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from Joe Davis, of the Cambridge Loan Office, Park-street, city, to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, the whole of the Unredeemed Jewellery, as above.

CHAPEL-RD rly. stn., Bankstown.—1 to 10ac Blocks. Coaches fr. Belmore dly. Sale next Sat. R. and W.

AUCTION SALES.

50 HORSES, 50.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th, 1908.

WEAVER AND PERRY have received instructions to sell by Auction, as above,

On account Mr. EDWARD WHITE, Martindale.

20 High-class Horses, right ages, bred on the Estate. Full particulars later.

On account R. J. COLLINS, Bossley Park.

15 Well-bred Saddle and Light Harness Horses.

On account J. KING LETHBRIDGE, Tregeare.

4 Head, 3 Colts and 1 Filly, by Musketoon, etc., broken and unbroken.

On account Mrs. A. A. SMART, Horsley Estate.

3 Saddle and Light Harness Horses, broken, 1 active Draught Horse, broken, suitable for van.

On account Mr. G. A. TERRY, Box Hill.

7 First-class Saddle and Light Harness Horses.

The above will be found a splendid Lot. Full Particulars will appear later.

TO DAIRYMEN, GRAZIERS, AND OTHERS.

1200 HIGH-CLASS DAIRY AND STORE CATTLE. 1200.

NEWMARKET SALEYARDS, ST. MARYS.

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1908.

WEAVER and PERRY have received instructions to sell by Auction as above at their NEWMARKET SALEYARDS, ST. MARYS, on SATURDAY, 9th May, 1908, at 11.30 a.m. sharp—

ON ACCOUNT OF VARIOUS OWNERS.

30 Really Choice Dairy Cows and Heifers, forward Springers, from 2 to 6 weeks off calving.

200 High-class Dairy Heifers, 2 to 2½ years old.

400 Choice Dairy Heifers, 12 to 18 months old.

40 Store Cows, good frames, young, and in good condition.

100 Bullocks, 3½ years to 4 years, good colours and condition.

120 Steers, 2 to 2½ years old, nearly all good colours.

210 Steers, 12 to 18 months old.

N.B.—Sale starts at 11.30 a.m. sharp. Train leaves for St. Marys from Sydney at 10.15 a.m., returning at 6.45. Competent drovers in attendance to ship or truck cattle, and good paddocks available pending despatch of stock.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 1st MAY, AT 11 A.M.

IMPORTANT AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Residents of PARRAMATTA AND HARRIS PARK, and the Surrounding Districts.

ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE by Public Auction, at the Residence of H. P. FINEMORE, Esq., "UAM VAR," WESTON-STREET, HARRIS PARK, of the Whole of his ELABORATE AND COSTLY HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, in consequence of his recent bereavement, and his relinquishing housekeeping, including—

BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT ELECTROPLATE from Mappin and Webb and Dixon

CUT GLASSWARE, FINE CHINA.

VALUABLE ORNAMENTS, CHOICE PICTURES

WALNUT DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, including suite by Bartholomew

ROSEWOOD DRAWING-ROOM CABINET, Empire Glass, Louis XVI Suite

SUPERB CARL RONISCH PIANO, in Figured Walnut Case, beautiful order.

OLD GRANDFATHER HALL CLOCK, in Sheraton Case, by Hills.

COTTAGE PIANO, by HIRSCH, in Walnut Case, almost new.

ELEGANT DOUBLE BEDROOM SUITE, in Walnut, in beautiful condition

MASSIVE BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEAD and best Horsehair Bedding

QUANTITY OF SUPERIOR LINEN, for Table and Bed requirements

BRUSSELS AND AXMINSTER CARPETS, and a very large quantity of VERY SUPERIOR FLOOR COVERINGS, in Linoleums and Cork, almost new

KITCHEN, GARDEN, LAUNDRY.

SUPERIOR PONY SULKY, by MOORE.

SET TAN HARNESS, in good order.

Black Harness, and Sundries.

WALTER BRADLEY AND CO. have been favoured with instructions from H. P. FINEMORE, Esq., to conduct the above Sale, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 1st May, at 11 a.m.

ON VIEW THIS DAY.

Catalogues at Uam Var.

TUESDAY, 5th MAY, AT 11 A.M.

IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT to COLLECTORS OF RARE WORKS on Early Australia, and the Literary Public.

UNIQUE UNRESERVED SALE of a very VALUABLE LIBRARY OF BOOKS, consisting of about 2000 Vols.

OLD SYDNEY ALMANACS, CALENDARS.

LA PEROUSE'S VOYAGES, COOK'S VOYAGES.

Sir Henry Parkes's Murmur of Stream.

Judge Therry's Reminiscences.

Pamphlets Relating to Australia.

Sir T. Mitchell's Tropical Australia.

Mudie's Felony, N. S. Wales.

Dampier, Cavendish, Drake's Voyages.

Theological, Biological, Historical.

Works of Fiction, by Popular Authors.

Memoirs of Distinguished Men.

Poetical Works and Rare Essays.

Interesting Publications of Old Newspapers.

Whiston's "Josephus," and other rare volumes.

And

PAIR VERY RARE AND ANTIQUE JAPANESE GODS, in SOLID BRONZE, representing

TUTEN, THE GOD OF THE WINDS.

It will be seen that the features of the Wind Gods are ugly and repulsive, tortured by their efforts to keep the wind away from the Temple of Kikko.

WALTER BRADLEY AND CO. have received instructions from a well-known Literary Gentleman to conduct the above Sale of his Rare and Valuable Library, at their Commodious Auction Rooms, 324 George-street, on TUESDAY NEXT, 5th MAY, at 11 a.m. prompt.

In consequence of the limited time at the disposal of the Auctioneers, no Catalogues can be prepared.

ON VIEW MONDAY NEXT, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ENMORE.

TO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN FURNISHING IN GOOD TASTE, AND BROKERS.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11, at ROSEMOUNT, ENMORE-ROAD, ENMORE (leave tram at Newington-road).

THE WHOLE OF THE VERY SUPERIOR FURNISHINGS OF LARGE VILLA RESIDENCE.

UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, Iron Frame. This is a HIGH-CLASS, SUPERIOR INSTRUMENT.

ELEGANT DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, several Cane and Rattan Chairs, Handsome Overmantels, Whatnots.

BRUSSELS CARPET SQUARES, Hearthrugs, Marble Clocks, SOLID WALNUT SUITE, SIDEBOARD, BEV. GLASS FRONT.

Latest Improved Singer's Cabinet SEWING MACHINE.

A1 Linoleums, Etchings, Rare Vases, Bric-a-Brac.

HALL-STAND AND FURNITURE.

Brass-mounted Italian-top Double and Single BEDSTEADS, very superior, all New BEDDING.

Large Quantity BLANKETS and LINEN, in Lots.

Rosewood-finished BEDROOM SUITE, quite new.

Combinations, Wardrobes, Wire Couches, C. Drawers.

Duchesse Toilets, Sets Ware, Curtains, Drapings.

Choice Collection ELECTROPLATED and GLASSWARE

DINNER and TEA SETS, some Rare OLD CHINA.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY.

Enclosed Dresser, Tables, Austrian Chairs, Patent 3-roller Mangle, Scales and Weights.

Perambulator, Steps, Garden Hose, Tubs, Steam Cooker, Garden Tools, Plants, Garden Seats, etc., etc.

Large Amount of Useful FURNISHINGS.

MITCHELL AND CRANSTON, WITHOUT SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

AT THE SALEROOM, 63 PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 30th APRIL, AT 2.30 P.M.

Under instructions from CLAUDE HEALY and CO., as Agents for The Colombo Commercial Company, Ltd., Colombo, Messrs. Crosfield, Lampard, and Co., Colombo.

643 PACKAGES CEYLON TEAS.

ALFRED HARVEY AND CO., SELLING BROKERS, 63 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

SAMPLES on View at Brokers' Office.

CHAPEL-RD rly. stn., Bankstown.—1 to 10ac Blocks. Coaches fr. Belmore dly. Sale next Sat. R. and W.

NEW SUBURB FOR RISE IN VALUES.

BANKSTOWN. BANKSTOWN.

TERMINUS OF THE EXTENSION OF THE BELMORE LINE.

FAIRFORD FARM BLOCKS.

AREAS UP TO

10 ACRES. 10 ACRES. 10 ACRES.

Purchasers will have an opportunity of acquiring a Block of Land in large area at very low prices on the Easiest Terms ever offered, viz., One-tenth deposit, one-tenth in 2 years, one-tenth in 3 years, one-tenth in 4 years, balance in 5 years.

INTEREST ONLY 3 PER CENT.

NO INSTALMENT PAYABLE FOR 2 YEARS AFTER PURCHASE.

NOTE.—Free Conveyances from the Belmore Railway Station will meet the 1.22 and 2.20 trains from Sydney daily to convey intending purchasers to and from the Fairford Estate. Coaches from Belmore to meet same trains on day of Sale. Refreshments provided.

AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND, 3 O'CLOCK,

NEXT SATURDAY.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD., AUCTIONEERS, 98 PITT-STREET.

EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 1st MAY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

AT THE AUCTION SALEROOMS, of JAMES R. LAWSON and LITTLE, 128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

SUPERIOR FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,

under instructions from H. G. CURNOW, Esq., removed from his residence, LAURIESTON, MUSGRAVE-STREET, MOSMAN; also the Complete Furnishings and Appointments removed from Two Residences at Randwick, and from a Gentleman's Residence at Newport.

Comprising—

GLASS, CHINA, CUTLERY, and ELECTROPLATE.

SUPERIOR CARPETS,

Royal Axminster and Brussels of the Finest Quality.

SUITE OF CARVED ANTIQUE OAK DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.

CHESTERFIELD LOUNGE, IN LEATHER.

DIVAN EASY CHAIRS.

AMERICAN OAK DINING-ROOM SUITE.

HALL AND LIBRARY FURNITURE.

SUPERIOR OAK ROLLTOP DESK.

TWO LARGE ENCLOSED BOOKCASES.

TWO SMALL BILLIARD TABLES, with Appurtenances complete.

DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS.

VALUABLE PICTURES AND ORNAMENTS.

SEVERAL PIANOFORTES, including

UPRIGHT GRAND, by RICHARD LIPP and SOHN,

UPRIGHT GRAND, by SCHIEDMAYER and SOEHNE,

UPRIGHT GRAND, by SCHILLER, and others.

POWERFUL TONED HAYDN ORGAN.

TWO PIANOLA PIANO PLAYERS AND MUSIC.

SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITES, DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING, and GENERAL FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

SET LADY'S FURS, consisting of Ermine Stole and Muff, new.

SOLID CEDAR STAND-UP DESK.

LARGE DOUBLE-DOOR AMERICAN SAFE, with Combination Lock; size 50in x 46in x 28in, etc., etc., etc.

Also, INVOICE OF MANUFACTURER'S SAMPLES, Glass, China, etc.

NOW ON VIEW.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FURNITURE AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

TELEPHONE NO., 2056.

THIS DAY, 30th APRIL, at the CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET, at 11.30 a.m.

On account of Whom it May Concern.

WITH ALL FAULTS.

Ex R.M.S. MONGOLIA, BACo.

3 Reels, each 500 Fathoms, Black Steel Wire Rope, 6 x 19, 2 in circ.

1 Reel, 500 Fathoms, Black Steel Wire Rope, 1¼ in circ.

1 Coil, 250 Fathoms, Galvanised Iron Rope, 2 in circ.

15 Cases 36 x 28 Gauge Queen's Head Plain Galvanised Iron.

Ex WEST LOTHIAN.

1 CRATE EARTHENWARE, Josiah Wedgwood, CO, Pearl White.

IN BOND.

83 Cases MARCELLAS SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., will sell by auction the above.

THIS DAY, 30th APRIL, at the CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET, at 11.30 a.m.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WITH ALL FAULTS.

214 ROLLS ENGLISH GALVANISED WIRE NETTING.

180 Rolls, 24 x 4 x 16.

34 Rolls, 24 x 4 x 18.

30 Rolls, 24 x 3 x 18.

Each 50 yards.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., have received instructions to sell by auction, the above.

FRIDAY, 1st MAY, at the CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET, at 11.30 a.m.

On account of Whom it May Concern.

62 PACKAGES CAMERAS, PLATES, and PHOTO MATERIAL SUNDRIES, consisting of

117 Cameras, Roamers, Guinea, Compact, Alton Magazine, Sun Spot, Holburn, etc.

2517 Doz. Plates, sizes 5 x 4, 12 x 10, 7½ x 4¾, and whole, half, and quarter.

118,000 Panel and Cabinet Mounts, and Mounts of various sizes and shapes.

Printing Frames, Developing Tanks, Storage Boxes, 10 x 8 Ferrotyped Plates, Film Storage Books, Dishes, Outfits, Canvas Bags, Masks and Discs, 2, 6, 12, and 24 Sheet Tubes of P.O.P., Ilford P.O.P., P.C.'s Matt. Pkts., Wellington P.C.'s, Matt. Pkts.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., will sell by auction the above.

FRIDAY, 1st MAY, AT THE CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET, AT 11.30 A.M.

On account of whom it may concern. With all faults.

UNCLAIMED CARGO.

55 PACKAGES SUNDRIES, consisting of

CLOTHING, CHICORY, MALT, COFFEE, SALT, OATS, FLOCK, PLUMBAGO, PIPING, TWINE SPRINGS, BICYCLE WHEELS, FITTINGS, EFFECTS TRUNKS, Etc.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., will sell by auction the above.

TO-DAY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, AT OUR SALEROOMS, 56 YORK-STREET, UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, in a Deceased Estate, and Removed to our Rooms for convenience, Consisting of:—

LARGE ICE CHEST, SUITABLE FOR HOTEL, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, ROUND and OVAL TABLES,

Austrian Chairs, Bedsteads, and Sundries.

Also, VALUABLE LOT OF OFFICE FIXTURES, including Nest of Shelving, with Drawers, Large Sunlight Gaslights, 11 Rolls Linoleum, 3 Panels and 1 Office Door, Partitions, with Mouldings and Cornices, complete; Brass Rods, etc., etc.

DEAN AND CO. (D. H. VALANTINE, Auctioneer), GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 50 YORK-STREET. Telephone, 3673.

BUILDING MATERIALS. Unreserved Sale by Auction, This Day, at 3 p.m., Audley-st, P'sham, nr. stn. 25,000 Sandstock Bricks, Windows, Gas-fittings, Galvd. Iron Bath, En. Sink, Staircase, Slates, Stone, Lead, Stone Footings, Frieze, etc, etc, etc.

D. AND W. BAINES, in conjunction with C. R. CRAMMOND, Petersham, will sell the above. Every line must be cleared.

FINAL CLEARANCE.

MACHINERY AND PLANT, STOCKTON COLLIERY.

MESSRS. LANG, WOOD, and CO. will sell by auction, at the Stockton Colliery, Newcastle, on FRIDAY, MAY 1, at 11, the balance of MACHINERY AND PLANT, including PAIR WINDING ENGINES, used for the main shaft; small Engine, for fitters' shop. 3 LARGE EGG-END BOILERS. 210 HOPPER WAGGONS.

Trolleys, Skips, and Tubs, Avery Machine, 2500 Props, quantity Timber and Building Material, Scrap Steel and Iron, Wire Ropes, capital Office Building, Material of Pot-head and Coal Bin, Old Brass, and lots Pipings, Tar, Grease, Asbestos, Winches, etc. Miscellaneous Effects.

CHAPEL-RD rly. stn., Bankstown.—1 to 10ac Blocks. Coaches fr. Belmore dly. Sale next Sat. R. and W.

ORDER OF SALE.

VARIOUS FREEHOLD PROPERTIES, to be offered FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., THIS DAY, THURSDAY.

NEWTOWN, corner of ANGEL-STREET and NORFOLK-STREET, off Cook's River-road.—DET. SHOP, with Dwelling, also LARGE WOOD and IRON SHED. Torrens Title. Assignee's Sale.

STRATHFIELD. — DETACHED DOUBLE-FRONTED COTTAGE, No. 19 THE AVENUE, near station. Torrens Title. Assignee's Sale.

REDFERN.—Terrace of Five Houses, Nos. 33 to 41 IVY-STREET. Curator's Sale.

DULWICH HILL, at the Tram Terminus, corner of MARRICKVILLE-ROAD and FAIRFOWL-STREET.—Detached Cottage Residence, CHADSTON, land 150ft x 150ft. Torrens.

MARRICKVILLE.—Detached Brick Cottage, No. 51 GARNER'S-AVENUE, close to tram. Torrens Title. Trustee's Sale.

PETERSHAM.—INVESTMENT TERRACE OF FOUR COTTAGES, Nos. 17 to 23 ELSWICK-STREET, near Parramatta-road. Torrens.

ANNANDALE.—Detached Brick Cottage, No. 94 BOOTH-STREET, close to new tram. Torrens.

ANNANDALE.—Detached Brick Cottage, No. 80 ALBION-STREET, just off Johnston-street, near tram.

RAINE and HORNE, AUCTIONEERS.

ORDER OF SALE.

FREEHOLD SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m. TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.

NORTH SYDNEY.—"Fairmount" Cottage, Blue's Point-road and Parker-street, and House "Verona," Parker and Middle streets. Executor's sale.

MANLY.—Two W.B. Cottages, "Shirley" and "Mabel," Darley-road, near Victoria-parade. Executor's sale.

DITTO.—Block, Moore and Albert streets, Freshwater Estate. Executor's sale.

DITTO.—Cottage, "Glencoe," East Esplanade, near Ashburner-street.

DITTO.—House, "Rugby," Addison-road, near Darley-road.

ANNANDALE.—Ho. No. 41 Johnston-street, between Albion and Collins streets.

BALMAIN, Rozelle.—House, Burt-street, little east of Denison-street.

DITTO.—Two Cottages, Nos. 16 and 18 Lawson-street, close to Darling-street.

KENSINGTON.—W.B. Cottage and four Shops, Doncaster-avenue and Bunnerong-road.

GORDON.—Various Allotments, Gertrude, Carlotta, and Florence Avenues. Plans on view.

WAITARA.—Two W.B. Cottages, Peat's Ferry-road, at rear of station.

WAHROONGA.—Various Allotments, Brown's Estate. Plan on view.

BANKSTOWN.—Block 23 acres 1 r 15 p, Eldridge-road, near Chapel-road.

BEXLEY.—W.B. Cottage, 1ac 2r 6½p, Bay View-street and Bay View-road.

BEXLEY.—Block Land, Broadford-street, Lynton Park Estate.

HURSTVILLE.—Cottage and 9a 1r 34½p, corner Regent and Argyle streets.

NORTH RYDE.—Cottage and 15 acres, Trevitt-road, near Lane Cove-road.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

BANKSTOWN, FAIRFORD ESTATE.

1 TO 10 ACRE FARMS.

A free conveyance leaves Belmore Railway Station on arrival of the 1.22 and 2.20 trains from Sydney daily up to and including date of sale, to convey intending purchasers to and from the Estate.

Free Train and Coach Tickets on day of Sale. Refreshments.

On the Ground, 3 o'clock, NEXT SATURDAY.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., Auctioneers, 98 Pitt-street.

WOLLONGONG.

An important South Coast town, rapidly coming to the front as a Seaside resort.

A two-story HOUSE, known as "OCEAN VIEW," fronting ATCHISON-STREET, close to Crown-street and adjacent to the Railway Station, commanding position, embracing views of ocean and beaches.

It is substantially built of Weatherboard on concrete and brick foundations, has verandahs and balconies front, sides, and contains hall and 20 rooms, replete with all conveniences.

Land.—Lots 8 and 9, Sect. 9, Kenny's Estate, 90ft 9in x 172ft.

NOTE THE TERMS.—£50 deposit, balance repayable £2 per fortnight, including interest.

Mr. W. H. Rees, Crown-street, Wollongong, will arrange for inspection.

Auction Sale at the TOWN HALL, WOLLONGONG, on SATURDAY, 16th MAY, at 3.30 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., Auctioneers. (3753)

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, AT THE ROOMS, 18 ENMORE-ROAD, NEWTOWN (near Railway Bridge).

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, consisting of

WALNUT-FINISHED SIDEBOARD and WARDROBE

BEALE TORPEDO DROPHEAD SEWING MACHINE

LATEST SINGER SEWING MACHINE.

Combination Chests, Austrian Chairs, M.-top Washstands

Double, ¾, and Single Bedsteads, Bedding, Toilet Ware Couches, Oilcloth, Cheff. Sideboard, Dresser, Safe and Kitchen Utensils; also,

2-h.p. MOTOR CYCLE, in good order.

ABSOLUTELY NO RESERVE.

J. RUSSELL JONES has received instructions to sell by auction as above.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30.

At 170 George-street West, near Shepherd-street.

MIDDLETON and CO. are instructed to sell by auction, 3 very Handsome Plateglass Sideboards, Handsome Carpet, 3 Dining Tables, Combination Chests, Suite, Dressers, 3 Beautiful Marble Ornaments, M.S. Washstands, Crockery, Cruets, Pictures, Bedsteads, Bedding, Furniture, etc. NO RESERVE.

Houses of Furniture received for auction or bought right out. Cash immediately after auction.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

THE original Mr. and Mrs. BENJAMIN still continue to Purchase all kinds of LEFT-OFF CLOTHING, Table and Bed Linen, also Sundries of all kinds. Letters or 'Phone calls promptly attended to. 'Phone, 2614.

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LEFT-OFF CLOTHING BUYERS.

Mr. and Mrs. WOOLF, of 112, 114, and 116 Bathurst-street, respectfully inform Ladies and Gentlemen that they are the oldest and most reliable Wardrobe Dealers in the State, and are prepared to allow the utmost value for every description of LEFT-OFF CLOTHING, Portmanteaux, Trunks, Old Gold, Artificial Teeth, Silver-plate, Linen, etc. All letters and appointments punctually attended to. Please to observe our only address.

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SIX cheap BOATS and SCULLS, 14 to 18. Apply Cleave, 40 Oxford-st.

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WANTED, some Bricklayer's SCAFFOLDING. State price, etc., G. Picket, News Agent, Croydon.

WANTED, 10 and 12 feet Stools, with or without backs. 8 Abercrombie-st, city, op. St. Benedict's

WANTED at once, Avery's Platform Scales, any size. A. Andrews, Storekeeper, Rookwood.

CITY.

CORNER of WILLIAM-STREET, HYDE PARK.

(Ocean-street Tram stops at door.)

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.

MESSRS. H. and A. LAWSON, AUCTIONEERS, have received instructions from a LADY RESIDING IN ENGLAND, who has decided not to return to the State, to dispose of her

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,

at present stored at MESSRS. JAMES LAWSON and SON'S warehouse, CORNER OF WILLIAM-STREET, HYDE PARK, including

HALL FURNITURE in SOLID OAK AND WALNUT, ROLL-TOP DESK, SECRETAIRE, BOOKCASE, EUGENIE COUCH and LUXURIOUS ARMCHAIRS, upholstered in Saddlebags and Utrecht Velvet.

2 UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTES,

MAGNIFICENT INSTRUMENTS, by WALDECK and WOLFFRAM, in highly finished walnut cases.

LADY'S WRITING TABLE, CHINA CABINETS, CHIPPENDALE DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE, Settees, Occasional, Arm, and Gossip Chairs.

MAGNIFICENT SOLID OAK SIDEBOARD, MASSIVE CEDAR DINING TABLE, extending 12ft, DINING-ROOM SUITE, in MOROCCO LEATHER, SOLID WALNUT AND OAK OVERMANTELS.

MAGNIFICENT BEDROOM SUITES, in SOLID WALNUT, OAK, and MAHOGANY, MODERN ALL-WOOD BEDSTEADS, and

An EXTENSIVE LIST of GENERAL FURNITURE.

MESSRS. H. AND A. LAWSON, (HARRY LAWSON, AUCTIONEER), 12 POST OFFICE-CHAMBERS, opp. G.P.O., PITT-STREET. TEL., 1867.

AUCTION SALE, VICTORIA-ST NORTH.

GIGANTIC SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS, To Speculative Builders, Country Buyers, Suburban Residents, and Others.

DEMOLITION OF A TERRACE OF SIX 3-STOREY HOUSES, modern, up-to-date buildings, 187 to 197 Victoria-st North, Darlinghurst (a few minutes from William-st), will be sold BY UNRESERVED PUBLIC AUCTION,

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M., comprising—

200 Sheets Good Galvd. Iron, 7 to 10 ft lengths, 40 Cedar Panel Doors, Casements, Box Frames, Sashes, 30,000ft H.W. Joists, 6 x 2½, 5 x 2, Rafters, 4 x 2, 10,000ft H.W. Flooring, 2000ft Lining, Skirtg., A'traves, 40,000 Sandstocks, 10,000 Machine Bricks, 80 Grates and Mantels, Bath, Fixed Tubs, Piping, Iron Palisading, Sawn Fencing, 200 loads dr. Stone, Sanitary Fittings, Ceiling Iron, Stone Nosings. Host of Sundries too numerous to detail.

A. BARNETT AND PUGH have been instructed by Mr. Newland to sell the above, in lots to suit purchasers. TERMS CASH. This Sale affords a splendid opportunity for those who contemplate Building to secure useful lines. Inspection invited.

TO-DAY, AT GOULBURN-STREET.

BUILDING MATERIALS. BUILDING MATERIALS.

DEMOLITION OF TWO 2-STORY HOUSES, 173-5 GOULBURN-STREET, CITY.

BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, PROPERTY OWNERS, DEALERS, and Others are notified that the Materials of the above will be sold BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M. And comprise

1000ft 6 x 2, 5 x 2½, H.W. Joists, useful lengths, 1000ft H.W. Rafters, 4 x 2½, 4 x 2, Collar Ties, 2000ft H.W. Flooring, Battens, Studs, Lining, 20,000 A1 Spotted Sandstock Bricks, full size, Panel and Ledge Doors and Frames, Slates, Box Frames, Sashes, Mantels, Grates, Sanitary Ware, Guttering, 200 Sheets Galv. Iron, 6ft to 10ft lengths, A1, H.W. Girder, 10 x 10, and a lot of SUNDRIES.

A. BARNETT AND PUGH will submit the above in lots to suit purchasers. WITHOUT RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

A choice lot of good Materials, worthy of the attention of those about to build.

WAVERLEY-BONDI.

TO-MORROW, AT 11 O'CLOCK, IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION at COBURG, 9 CORONA-AVENUE.

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TO HOTELS, FURNITURE DEALERS, AND PRIVATE BUYERS GENERALLY.

CITY.

THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, APRIL 30th, at 11 sharp. On account of Demolition of the Freemasons' Hotel, York-street, opp. Q. V. Markets.

Beautiful Walnut Upright Grand Pianoforte, by "August Foster," and

The up-to-date Furnishings throughout of Dining-rooms, Vestibule, Bar Parlours, Halls, Pantries, Double and Single Bedrooms, Kitchen, Yard, and Laundry, including about 30 Double, Single, and ¾ Bedsteads, Half-testers, complete with Wires and Bedding, Combinations, Duchesse Chests, Toiletware, Oilcloths and Linoleum and Floor Coverings throughout, about 20 rooms.

About 100 assorted Chairs, Tables, Rockers, etc.

12ft Cedar Dining Table, Bookcase, Chiffoniers, Sideboards, Curtains and Cornices, Dressers and Shelves.

2 splendid Gas Stoves, Fletcher and Wright's Eureka, No. 420.

All Kitchen Requisites and Utensils.

Mirrors, Pictures, Lounges, ice-chests, etc., etc.

IN A1 ORDER.

E. HERBEN BRODRIBB, AUCTIONEER, under instructions from the Proprietress, will sell as above, right out, owing to the immediate demolition of premises.

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TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING, at the ROOMS, GEORGE and BARLOW STS, HAYMARKET.

The Furniture, Pianos, Linoleums, Glassware, China and Crockery, Double, Single, and ¾ Bedrooms, Appointments, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, Removed from various Houses for display in our Commodious Auction Rooms.

SALE AT 11 O'CLOCK, and CONTINUING THROUGHOUT DAY.

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BALMAIN.

DEMOLITION SALE of BUILDING MATERIALS, comprised in Five Shops and Dwellings,

FOR AUCTION SALE, on the Ground, corner of WESTON-ROAD and GORDON-STREET, BALMAIN WEST,

NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 2, at 2.15, comprising the Whole of the BUILDING MATERIALS in 5 Shops and Dwellings, including Galvanised Iron, Weather Boards, Bricks, Plateglass, Shop Fronts, Sashes, Doors, Scantling Joists, Flooring, Lining, etc., etc.

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To Bedstead Manufacturers, Blacksmiths, Engineers, Dealers, and Others.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

Tools of Trade, and all Appliances in connection with the Manufacturing of Bedsteads, etc.

2 Drilling Machines, 2 Punching Presses, 2 Anvils, 2 Blacksmith's Bellows, 2 Vyces, 2 Circular Saws, Stocks and Dies, Planes, Saws, Screw Cramps, Black Paint, Frames for Bedstead Brackets, Bench Screw, Blacksmith's Tools, Scales and Weights, Sewing Twine, Brass and Iron Tubing, Chills, Husks, Knobs, Angles, Washers, Screws, Piano Stool Seats, Lot Flooring Boards, Cart Jack, Wheels, Axles, etc.

HENRY LEVY has received instructions from Messrs. GLOVER and SONS to sell by auction, at Gordon-street, Camperdown, the whole of their Tools of Trade and Stock connected with their Bedstead Works. Totally Unreserved. Auctioneer's Office: 81 Geo.-st West. 'Phone, 508 Glebe.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.

HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at 81 George-st West, Clothing, Boots, Drapery, Crockery, Sundries. NO RESERVE.

DEMOLITION OF 3-STORIED BUILDING, corner of Campbell and Elizabeth streets, HAYMARKET.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

JAMES COWAN will sell, in lots to suit buyers, on THURSDAY, APRIL 30, at 11 o'clock, the INTERNAL FITTINGS contained in the above premises, comprising GALVANISED IRON, CEDAR DOORS, BOX-FRAMES and SASHES, GRATES and MANTELS, H'WOOD FLOORING, 16 x 10 BANGOR SLATES, and TIMBER of all descriptions.

TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

IMPORTANT CLEARANCE AUCTION SALE OF SURPLUS MATERIALS, AT THE PENRITH RAILWAY YARDS, ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th, AT 3 P.M.

JAMES COWAN has been favoured with instructions on behalf of the Railway Commissioners.

10,000ft run. 12in x 12in, 12in x 10in, 8in x 8in SAWN and HEWN H'WOOD, comprising 500/7 8 x 8, suitable for sleepers if sawn up 70/14 12 x 10 H'wood

25 400-gallon Tanks, Scrap C. and W. Iron.

Large quantity of Sundries.

TERMS, CASH.

BUILDING MATERIALS, etc., on premises, Audley-rd, Petersham, THIS AFTERNOON.

FUNERALS.

BAKER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BAKER and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Amy Louisa; to leave the residence of her Grandmother, 45 Bathurst-street, city, TO-MORROW (Friday), at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY, Central Office: 735 George-street, Haymarket.

BAKER.—The Friends of Mrs. LOUISA BAKER and Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE BAKER, Mr. and Mrs. ALLAN TOLLEY, and Mr. FREDK. SADLER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved GRANDDAUGHTER and NIECE, Amy Louisa; to leave 45 Bathurst-street, city, TO-MORROW (Friday), at 1.30, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY.

BARRY.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. MARY BARRY will leave our Mortuary Chambers, 484 Harris-street, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

BUTCHER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE BUTCHER, Jun., are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved Infant SON, George; to leave their residence, Gladys Cottage, Hanover-street, Gore Hill, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for Gore Hill C. of E. Cemetery. WALTER BRUCE, Undertaker, Lane Cove-road, Crow's Nest.

CARDIN.—The Funeral of the late Mr. B. D. WEYMSS CARDIN will move from his late residence, Vera, 11 Church-street, Croydon, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis, via Croydon Station. WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, Sydney, Petersham, and Suburbs. Tel., 726, etc.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.—Members of Court Excelsior, No. 7945, Sydney District, and Members of Court Industry, M.U.D., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of our late respected Bro., W. CARDIN, P.C.R.; to move from his late residence, Church-street, Croydon, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45. W. EYLES, Secretary.

DAVIS.—The Friends of Mrs. IVY G. DAVIS, of Cromwell-street, Croydon, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND, John Ambrose; to move from the City Morgue, Circular Quay, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for the Baptist Cemetery, Rookwood. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-st; and 51 D'hurst-rd. T. 875.

DAVIS.—The Friends of Mrs. A. WILDMAN and SONS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved NEPHEW and their COUSIN, John Ambrose Davis; to leave the City Morgue, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for Rookwood. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Ltd., Undertakers, 236 Miller-st, N.S.

LOW.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SYDNEY LOW are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, George; to leave 12 John-street, Camperdown, THIS DAY, at 1.15, for Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY, Undertakers.

McGOLRICK.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM McGOLRICK, ex-constable, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Edith; to leave her mother's (Mrs. Kelly) residence, Balmoral-avenue, Rosedale, Croydon Park, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood, via Burwood station. F. J. FIELD, Funeral Director, Ashfield. Tel., 143A.

O'DONNELL.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. T. T. O'DONNELL are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his residence, Robinson-street, Granville, on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, for the Necropolis, Rookwood. WOOD and CO., Undertakers.

THE Friends and Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. PAVITT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved CHILD, Margaret May; to move from 38 Judge-street, Woolloomooloo, THIS DAY, 1.30, for Rookwood.

PRIEST.—The relatives and Friends of the late Mrs. EVA EVELYN PRIEST are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, which will move from her sister's residence, Lawrence-street, Alexandria, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.15 o'clock sharp, for Waverley Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, Sydney, Balmain, and Suburbs. Tel., 726, etc.

QUAYLE.—The Friends of the late Mrs. MARY A. H. QUAYLE are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence, 8 Cavendish-street, Enmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Stanmore station, thence to Rookwood. By request, no flowers. T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, Tel., 138N. 25 Enmore-road, Newtown.

SCANLAN.—The Friends of Mrs. SCANLAN and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. WALSH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND, and their FATHER, Richard Stephen; to move from their residence, 41 Ridge-street, Moore Park, THIS THURSDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-st, city; and 460 Oxford-st, Pad. T. 875.

SMITH.—The Funeral of the late Mr. WALTER A. SMITH will leave his residence, Selhurst, Alfred-street, North Sydney, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for St. Thomas's Cemetery, North Sydney. WOOD and COMPANY. Tel., 726, etc.

THOMPSON.—The Friends of Mr. J. D. THOMPSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Lucy; to leave his residence, 86 Malcolm-street, Erskineville, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, King and Brown streets, Newtown, Tel., 184N. and Railway-parade, Kogarah.

THE Funeral of the late LUKE LANGDALE TYERMAN will leave Ercildoune, Holt-street, Stanmore, at 1.45 o'clock THIS AFTERNOON, for Rookwood Cemetery.

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Take the well-appointed Elevator or the Easy Staircases to the NEW SHOWROOM (the Finest in Sydney), and inspect the following to-day. No one importuned to Buy:—

CHAMPION No. 1—LADIES' SMART ¾ COATS, in the New Striped Effects, with very becoming spring back, Chesterfield and double-breasted fronts, in Dark and Light Greys, Navy, and Green.
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TENDERS FOR SULPHATE OF AMMONIA.

The Directors of the above Company are prepared to receive TENDERS for the SULPHATE OF AMMONIA manufactured during the year ending 30th June, 1909, in lots of 100 Tons and upwards, but not exceeding in all 1600 Tons.
Sealed Tenders on the Company's form, endorsed "Tender for Sulphate of Ammonia," to be sent to the undersigned, not later than Noon of THURSDAY, 18th June next.
Further particulars may be obtained from the Engineer, Gas Works, Sydney.
The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender.
R. J. LUKEY, Secretary.
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Full particulars on application.
TENDERS CLOSE MONDAY, 11th MAY, 12 noon.

EATON AND BATES, ARCHITECTS, MARTIN-PLACE, SYDNEY, INVITE TENDERS for VILLA RESIDENCE at WAHROONGA. Full particulars on application. TENDERS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 13th MAY, 12 noon.

EATON AND BATES, ARCHITECTS, MARTIN-PLACE, SYDNEY, INVITE TENDERS for VILLA RESIDENCE, WATSON'S BAY. Full particulars on application. TENDERS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, noon.

EATON AND BATES, ARCHITECTS, MARTIN-PLACE, SYDNEY, INVITE TENDERS for TWO-STORY SHOP and RESIDENCE, OXFORD-STREET. Full particulars on application. TENDERS CLOSE FRIDAY, 15th MAY, 12 noon.

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WANTED, respectable Girl, as GENERAL, or assist housework. 9 L'Avenue, Newtown.

WANTED, resp. GIRL as Mother's Help, no cooking, P'sham, treated one of fam. 72 Enmore-rd.

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WANTED, smart exp. GIRL, about 16 yrs., learn waiting and useful. 266 Geo.-st, nr. Hunter-st.

WANTED, young GIRL to assist in pantry and tearooms. 51 Hunter-st, city.

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WANTED, good Coat and Trousers IRONERS, good price. 192 Cumberland-st, Miller's Point.

WANTED, thorough GENERAL, housemaid kept, no children or shirts. 140 Redfern-st, Redfern.

WANTED, NURSEGIRL, at once, must be tidy. 173 Parramatta-rd, Annandale, nr. Young-st.

WANTED, a PARLOURMAID. Alba House, 27 York-st, Wynyard-sq., city.

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WANTED, clean resp. GIRL for housework, good home, Protestant. Letter, Home, Randwick P.O.

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WANTED, smart Boy, able to drive, for greengrocer. 12 King-st, Newtown.

WANTED, smart young Girl, assist housework, gd. home, wages 6s. Avondale, 166 Bridge-rd, Glebe.

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